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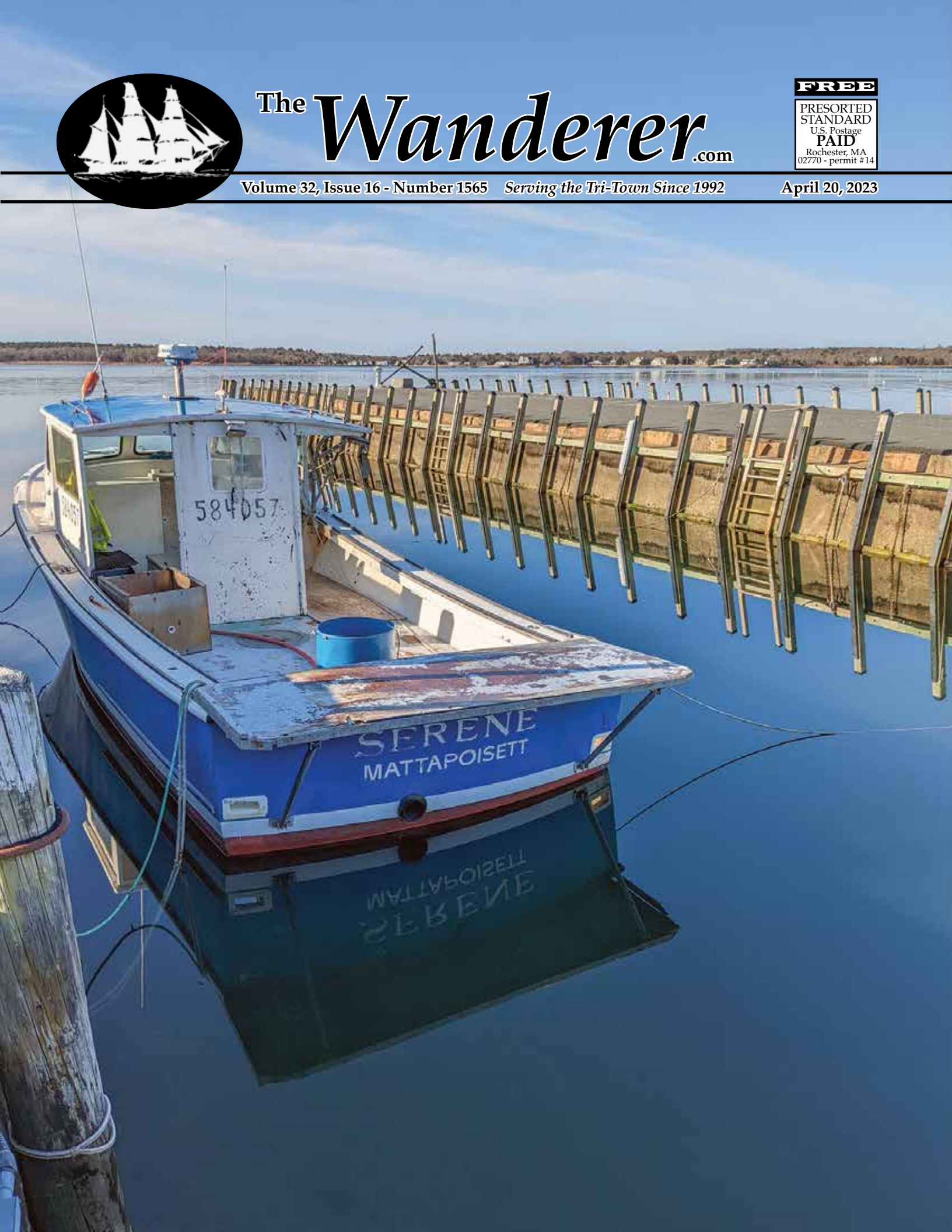

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Tide Pool a Learning Tool

Sippican Lands Trust

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Alan Harris had his binoculars out, and he and fellow marine life enthusiasts on April 16 were peering at seals that were bobbing their heads in and out of the water by Brainard Marsh.

This treat was one of many for wildlife lovers of all ages last Sunday morning. The Sippican Lands Trust started a new tradition this February when people gathered at the same marsh during a low tide to study the changes in wildlife throughout the year.

The weather was rainy at first but it faded quickly, allowing around a dozen people to observe snails, oysters, worms, shells, crabs, barnacles, and even some jellyfish. An osprey landed in a nest while seals were observed in the distance by some rocks jutting out of the Weweantic River – adding some surprise visitors to the mix.

"It's all kinds of good stuff," said Carolyn Tepolt, a marine biologist and a director for the SLT. "The nicest way to get into nature is to get out into nature."

Young kids and their families were roaming around with buckets, and Tepolt was giving nature lovers of all ages a lesson on how many of these critters are resilient. Some travel as many as 100 miles, venturing out to sea when they are ready to mate.

Harris, a past president and board director, mentioned that one crab is an invasive species, and local scientists are keeping an eye on how they are impacting the ecosystem.

Ben Fisk and his wife Jen came with their neighbors. Their three-year-old son Sawyer had a bucket full of critters.

The Fisks were just a few families enjoying this outdoor and educational activity. Some noted the area's kayak potential for later on in the year.

Many carried around a note card with critters that they might encounter, including a species of periwinkle that is often hard to find, according to Tepolt. In fact, she was sending pics of one litter critter to her colleagues, hoping they identified the correct one. Many were interested in the seals and the osprey sweeping back and forth into a nest.

Harris said the property and the pole, which the osprey nest, was donated to the town more than three decades ago. Since then it has become a "conservation success story," according to Harris.

The SLT plans on hosting another tide pool exploration event in either July or August. Harris said the SLT often hosts "asynchronous" learning opportunities for the public.

Along with helping people identify marine life, Harris and others were also educating people, warning some kids that not all marine life found is edible.

Later on this year, the group also plans to host a story walk around Gallison Woods Trail. There, young kids will be asked to build fairy houses but can only use natural material and may not kill any critters along the way.

On the Cover: *A boat named "Serene" rests in serene waters as one of the early-bird vessels observed in local harbors this spring. The boat was spotted on an especially calm Easter Sunday morning of April 9 at Shipyard Park in Mattapoisett Harbor. Photo by Robert Price*

So You Think You Know Teaching

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

I needed a job. Right out of college my father informed me that I had six months to get one or get married. With no marriage prospects on the horizon, I

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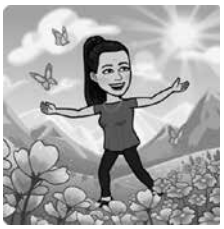

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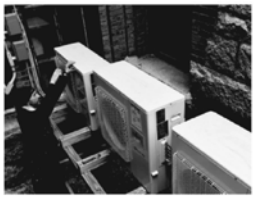

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signed up to substitute teach at Old Rochester. It would keep Dad off my back, and with the military draft looming, my plan was to wait it out, then pursue my artistic career.

I am still indebted to the many teachers who feigned sickness enough times that I was able to work 140 days before Uncle Sam called. Much to my surprise, Sam did not want me. Something about my eyesight. But that's another story for another time. Suffice it to say, my "real" career beckoned. If the art thing didn't work out, I could always fall back on teaching. Ya, right. Little did I know that years later, I would choose to become a teacher.

Education has taken heat lately in the culture wars and teachers are feeling the burn, so I feel obliged to offer up a few thoughts on my second profession.

Everyone went to school. Right? So, it follows that everyone thinks they can teach. After a successful 30-year career in the "real" world, I taught some 21 years at all levels except elementary school. (Those kids ask too many questions.) I have been away from the hallowed halls of academia for a while, but I know this: Kids are smart, and the job is tough! If you think you know teaching, you don't.

If you haven't memorized Bloom's Taxonomy or paid $80 bucks for a paperback copy of "Skillful Teacher" (required reading for professional advancement) or studied the State Frameworks, you don't know teaching.

If you haven't endured a two-hour meeting with an irate parent who thought their son should have gotten an A grade instead of a C, you don't know teaching. (The son later apologized for his parent's behavior.) Or mourned the death of four of your brightest and most talented students in car accidents, you don't know teaching. If you hear on the radio that grief counselors will be available, and you're told you are the counselor though you're not trained in psychotherapy, you don't know teaching.

If you haven't had your art-supply budget rescinded halfway through the year so the principal's office could buy copy paper requiring you to teach 100 ways to be creative with newspapers or been told not to display your students' best work in the hall showcase because it might discourage the less-talented kids, you

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If you haven't experienced the indignity of your superintendent leaving a pencil in your mailbox as a gift on Teacher Appreciation Day; if you work through the anxiety of budget season waiting to see if your job is cut in a RIF (Reduction in Force); if you haven't sat in a meeting with the principal telling you are doing a great job, then finding a pink slip in your mailbox *on the way out of the meeting*, you don't know teaching.

But it is not all gloom, doom and hard work. Sitting outside the restroom on bathroom duty is a real joy. Walking to your classroom on a Saturday to do some extra work to find it is being used as a dressing room for a body builders' annual competition and filled with nearly naked men covered in lotion is enlightening.

When you experience the joy on the faces of your students when the theater sets they helped paint get a standing ovation and an award, or one of their paintings wins a national prize and is hung at the U.S. Capitol or when they get accepted at their dream college, then you'll know teaching.

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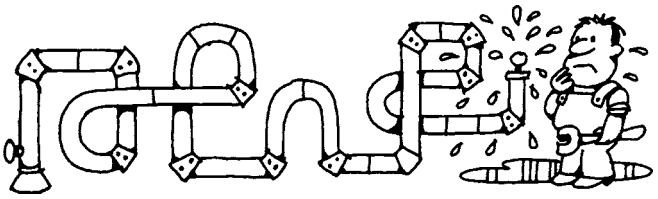

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Editor's note: Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and retired newspaper columnist whose musings are, after some years, back in The Wanderer under the subtitle "Thoughts on …." Morgado's opinions have also appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.

New Committee Taking Closer Look at Grounds

Mattapoisett Holy Ghost Reuse Committee

By Marilou Newell

The newly formed Mattapoisett Holy Ghost Reuse Committee got down to business on April 18, as it met only for the second time since charged with helping the town as it plans future uses for the former Holy Ghost Grounds off Park Street.

It's been several years since the town, with the assistance of former Town Administrator Mike Gagne, purchased the 5-acre site from the religious organization which used the area for summer gatherings. A master plan for use of the site, however, was not formulated.

More recently, during meetings held by the Master Plan Committee which drafted the updated 2023 plan, frequent mention was made as to how the grounds might be used. Renewed interest also came from bike-path planning, which saw the location of the grounds perfect for cyclists wanting to take a break. It is located in the middle of Phase 2a and is receiving updated restroom facilities in anticipation of the path coming through.

The committee is now chaired by Mike Rosa (who also sits on the Capital Planning Committee), Denise Conton (representing the COA), Nathan Ketchel (who also sits on the Planning Board), Recreation Department Director Greta Fox and Freemin Bauer, who for many years has been advocating for a dog park in the community.

During the second meeting, the committee selected Rosa as chairman, Conton as clerk and Ketchel as vice chairman. The discussion then turned to developing a survey intended to garner public input and ideas regarding future use for the park. The committee agrees the park needs a new name rather than carrying over its former title. Fox suggested a contest might be a fun way to rename the future recreational area, while also engaging the public to capture their interest in participating in the process.

Regarding the survey, Fox presented ideas on text and layout of a public survey. She noted that there should be open-ended as well as specific "yes-no" questions. The survey will include gathering data on whether or not the public is interested in such uses as a dog park, pickleball courts, basketball courts, walking loop, playground and/or picnic area. Fox said that funding will have to be considered and that construction is likely to be completed in a phased manner. Rosa stated it will be "a long time" before construction would begin.

There is a structure on the grounds that at one time was used for parties such as showers and similar gatherings. In the past it had been suggested that the structure be rented. With this in mind and with the plan of having the bike path travel along the railroad easement in the area, the last spring Town Meeting voted to spend $150,000 for bathrooms.

But Fox believes having a full kitchen was not a good plan.

"Operating a commercial kitchen…would be a liability," she said, noting that Health Department permits would be needed and that people using a kitchen would not be able to clean it sufficiently for the next group to use it. Katie Desrosiers, assistant to the Town Administrator Mike Lorenco, offered that an area with expansive counter

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space and a sink might be ample for parties that are catered and that most events of this sort are generally catered, no food being prepared on site.

Discussions centered around the importance of including as much public input as possible. There was also a desire to express what could be. Bauer handed out packets for the members to review, which contained types of playground equipment and a conceptual dog-park design, watering stations for dogs, guidelines for establishing and maintenance of off-leash dog parks.

Fox also feels strongly that planning before spending money should happen. She wondered aloud how the bathrooms were constructed without a plan for the building, which in her estimation had outlived its usefulness. She said, "Let's think about this and spend our money wisely."

Next up, the committee plans a field trip to the site on Thursday, May 18, at 5:30 pm as part of its next public meeting.

Ospreys Ahead of Schedule

By George B. Emmons

It was well over 50 years ago that the sad story of Osprey numbers along the south shore of Buzzards Bay was almost completely depleted due to the wide spraying of DDT poisoning the thickness of their egg's shells, preventing them from hatching.

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numbers were in a deep depression until the use of DDT was totally banned, quickly reversing the downward trend in the following years to a positive number of nests to 300 in the same coastal area.

As in my illustration, the Ospreys' recent spring arrival two weeks earlier than last year back to both wooden nesting towers directly behind my seaside home on Little Bay in Fairhaven might possibly be a cause and effect due to this global warming of climate change. A subsequent conclusion of a resulting increased reproduction opportunity might be the extra number of clutches this year compared to last season.

Any positive support going forward would have to be the Ospreys' constant availability to harvest a steady

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The recent arrival of Ospreys here in Fairhaven is testimony that similar instincts brought them home several weeks ahead of time.

Housing Production Plan Approved

Marion Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

Marion Planning Board member Chris Collings has been skeptical about housing developments that at market value are still out of economic reach for young families. So he was quite enthused to read the latest iteration of the 2022 Housing Production Plan.

"What really caught my attention was Page 32, Implementation Strategies ... I thought this report made the case ... if Marion was to impact helping people live in their homes ...," noted Collings in support of the plan that Planning Board Chairman Norm Hills would later explain has had two prior iterations of greater length.

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"This is the third iteration. The first iteration was 130 pages, the next one 71 pages, this one we're down to 39 pages," said Hills. "This time, we generally use things to get to a goal; it doesn't specify a number of years like it did in years past."

Collings thought of a River Road neighbor whose most-affordable solution was to stay in his home and have people visit to provide care. "Now they had to change the house around," he said. "I like that there was space in this report for exactly that kind of thing. This report shows that the largest segment in town is the oldest.

"If we can help them make the house suitable ... Marion is a very affordable place. It may always seem a little bit more, but the world has caught up. … These small (replacement) homes won't be any cheaper than the ones they're selling."

The members present voted to approve with the exception of board member Andrew Daniel, who felt that the information about different affordable-housing scenarios dominated the report.

"By reading it, I was surprised to see how much ahead of other communities we are ... It seemed the goal of (the plan) was to create 40A's and 40B's and smart 40B's. I don't know if that's the direction we want to go," he said.

Hills countered that the information presented only represents options.

"I don't think that it hinders us any way going forward," said Hills. "This doesn't walk us into anything."

"Knowing we had to put this plan together to meet state regulations, we certainly did that," said board member Alanna Nelson. "It offered a lot of ways we can get our (affordable-housing) numbers above 10%."

Daniel asked for the cost of the Housing Production Plan. Board administrator Terri Santos said she would get Daniel that information, noting that it was accomplished with the assistance of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) with Community Preservation Act funding.

Board member Eileen Marum, who motioned for support of the Housing Production Plan, also made the motion to endorse the Marion Open Space Recreational Plan (MOSRP), a 215-page report generated by the Stewards of Community Open Space over the last two years.

Hills told the board the final version was achieved with the Stewards of Community Open Space two weeks ago, and the document was awaiting the Planning Board's endorsement. This vote was without exception.

Marum called the content "excellent and thorough."

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Nelson concurred, especially regarding a background section she called, "really well done. I was really impressed. ... a lot of opportunities and whoever in town wants to move it ahead can move it ahead."

In answer to Collings' question, Hills said that 31% of Marion land is permanently protected and that 40% is open (the difference being properties such as the cemetery.)

Member Jon Henry was unable to attend Tuesday night's meeting. Henry's absence meant that the Village Style Smart Growth District (VSSGD) will go on the board's next agenda.

A planned discussion with developer Sherman Briggs regarding Section 230-8.11 of the Marion bylaws (erosion control at his Spring Street property) was moved to the board's next meeting at Briggs' request.

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, May 1, at 7:00 pm at the Police Station, also accessible live via Zoom.

Restoration Plan Considered Insufficient

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Conservation Commission Tuesday night learned its year-long dispute with 89 Box Turtle Drive owner Doug Rose over clearing land too close to wetlands without a permit is a step closer to being resolved.

A restoration plan has been submitted, but the board said it isn't enough. Chairman Christopher Gerrior said the town has received a "90 percent completion plan." He complained that what the board really needs is a formal Notice of Intent to do the work, along with a final restoration plan, a narrative of that plan and a notice to abutters of the plan.

All of these requirements were in the motion the panel approved to resume fining Rose until these conditions are met.

Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly said fining Rose hadn't started yet because his lawyer had promised to deliver a plan by the next day and had done so. Member Ben Bailey said the plan the lawyer handed in

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is not detailed enough, and the other board members agreed. The resulting vote to start fining Rose again was unanimous.

A year ago, the board voted to begin delivering "non-criminal enforcement tickets," fining the property owner on a climbing scale of $50, then $100, then $300 per day. The property owner's wetland-code violations involve working closer than 25 feet from wetlands without a permit. This vote came after the board asked the property owner to file a restoration plan with erosion and sedimentation controls in late July 2022.

The meeting began with a Negative Determination of Applicability for a plan at 228 Mary's Pond Road to install a new leaching field with a portion of it and 62 feet of effluent pipe within a wetlands buffer zone, a decision that the work will not affect wetlands.

The board then approved the Certificate of Compliance for the construction of a new home, private well, septic system and private dock at 417 Mary's Pond. The project's representative, Rick Charon of Charon Associates, admitted that this project started too soon. But since then, everything has been done right, he reported.

The dock itself sparked the most discussion. Gerrior instructed Charon to consult with the property owners on whether they are working on obtaining a Chapter 91 License for the dock, a permit required for any structure being built in water.

The board next approved a Notice of Intent to build a seasonal aluminum rolling dock at 536 Snipatuit Road. Here, too, the board recommended that the petitioner's representative look into getting a Chapter 91 License for the dock.

In other action, the board reappointed John Divorski as its representative on the Soil Board. Divorski is a former Conservation Commission member who is now a full member of the Soil panel, Bailey explained.

Bailey received approval to send the Select Board members a letter requesting their support of a hydrological study of the waterflow at Snipatuit Pond.

A flow gauge would be installed with ARPA funds totaling $20,000. Bailey explained the decades-old agreement that gives New Bedford full access to Rochester is based on a withdrawal from Great Quittacas. More data will tell experts if that's actually water also flowing from Snipatuit into Quittacas, data which could change the agreement, possibly in Rochester's favor.

The Rochester Conservation Commission will next meet on Tuesday, May 2, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Drainage 'Critical' to Bike Path Progress

Mattapoisett Bike Path Committee

By Marilou Newell

A public information meeting regarding the next phase of the Mattapoisett Bike Path was hosted by the town in concert with the Bike Path Committee.

Featured presenters were Pare Corporation members Amy Archer and Tim Thompson, who led the audience of approximately 30 through processes that have been completed and conceptual planning of Phase 2a.

Before introducing the speakers, Town Administrator Mike Lorenco took a moment to update everyone on the current status of the opening of Phase 1b, the elevated boardwalk across Goodspeed Island's barrier beach.

"We are still working with the state on the agreement, maybe this week or by the end of April, first of May, we'll be done," said Lorenco.

The agreement in question is an understanding between the state and the town on which has responsibility for various construction-related matters, including materials and for how long. The walkway is complete, and for many months, many enthusiasts have expressed eagerness to get this section cleared for use. The town wants to ensure all relevant matters are addressed in the memorandum of understanding before signing documents.

Archer spoke for most of the meeting, explaining in some detail the areas this part of planning covered, including such matters as stakeholders' engagement, wetland mapping, deed research, traffic studies, crossing equipment, funding options and advancement to preliminary design.

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a recreational pathway that skirts historic swamp areas and perennial streams, Archer noted. However, she assured the public that this, along with other matters, could be resolved to the satisfaction of the town through cooperative efforts with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission.

Archer spoke to the need for providing replication areas to offset wetlands that will be disturbed by construction. She said an intermittent stream appears to be "trying to reconnect" with a swampy area, "…we are most concerned about that." Thompson stated that "drainage design will be critical."

While more clarity may be needed on what properties have sewer or railroad easement right or the need to work with residents in taking some areas for the pathway, Archer believed most of those issues were resolved or would be resolved soon.

Archer then spoke to the need for crossing Route 6 to traverse from the south side to the north side and onward through the Holy Ghost Grounds and Park Street to North Street at the state-owned parking-and-ride lot across the road from Industrial Drive.

Traffic studies have been completed to help in determining the best and safest place to have walkers and cyclists cross the busy state highway. Included in the study were types of traffic signals, everything from simple signage to rapid-flashing beacons to overhead pedestrian hybrid beacons.

Regarding stakeholder engagement, Archer said

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meetings have been held with the towns, police and fire departments, Conservation Commission, Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail and the Mattapoisett Bike Path Committee.

The crossing at Route 6 where Railroad Avenue intersects will require cooperation and coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, she said. Archer did not touch on engagement with private-property owners abutting the proposed route that the bike path will take.

On the topic of funding a project of this scope, Archer said a variety of grants should be sought such as MassDOT's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), MassTrails, Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) and Safe Streets for ALL (SS4A.)

The conceptual plan currently has road crossings at Acushnet Road, Park Street, Route 6, and North Street. Soft "S-curves" are also planned to slow cyclists as they advance towards some crossings.

The Capital Planning Committee, which is now tracking bike path related financial needs, has listed on the latest 10-year plan spread over the next four fiscal cycles a sum of approximately $5,000,000 for the construction of Phases 2a and b, all paid for with special grants. There is no indication on the Capital Plan spreadsheet if the residents will be required to provide any matching dollars for grant funding sought and received.

To view the full meeting, visit Mattapoisett.net.

ConCom Approves House, Two Town Projects

Marion Conservation Commission

By Mick Colageo

Roger and Emily Tenglin were issued an Order of Conditions so they can build a new, single-family house at 88 Indian Cove Road. The vote of the Marion Conservation Commission came during its April 12 public meeting at the recommendation of commissioner Shaun Walsh.

Elevation of the base-flood level was key in the commission's approval, and Walsh added special conditions, including 20 feet of additional silt fence or 10 hay bales for the purposes of storm-damage prevention and flood control. Walsh added a continuing condition of 13 boulders measuring at least 3 feet in any dimension for the purposes of a permanent wetland boundary protection.

In a rare, in-person appearance before the commission, representative Dave Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc., explained that the Tenglins, in partnership with another family, bought what 11 years ago was the old boatyard. There are two barns on the lot proposed for demolition.

Some time ago, Davignon explained, the Tenglins went before the Conservation Commission with a plan to

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The towns of Marion and Mattapoisett are connected on the property by gravel roads. The lot was developed as part of a two-lot subdivision that can access Marion and Mattapoisett, though the address is in Marion.

The plan is for the house to face due north toward Indian Cove, with a detached garage in the northwest corner of the property, and a driveway will be built off an existing crushed-stone driveway off Aucoot Road.

There are bordering vegetated wetlands on the east and west sides of the property, as Davignon pointed out on his site plan. The BVW is 44 feet from the closest point

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of construction. The proposed septic system will be a gravity-based system with denitrification technology.

Davignon said the top of the foundation will sit "quite a bit above base-flood elevation so (we're) planning for the future."

With the floor opened to the public, abutter Mike Popitz of 64 Indian Cove Road said the Tenglins have been "excellent neighbors" and have what looks like a "great project." He requested a copy of the site plan and was invited by Davignon to pick up a full-size copy at his office the next day.

With that, the commission voted to close the public hearing.

The Town of Marion was also on the agenda with two heard proposals that were both rewarded with Negative 2 and 3 determinations of applicability.

The first was Marion's plans to lay out and excavate an ADA-compliant walkway at Silvershell Beach.

In explaining the request during the public hearing, Facilities Manager Shaun Cormier said that approximately four to five years ago, former Town Administrator Paul Dawson started a town-wide ADA-improvement plan as required for the town to receive ADA-improvement municipal grant funding. Former Town Administrator Jay McGrail filed the grant application, and Cormier reported that the $49,060 in grant funding has been received.

Cormier told the commissioners he has received quotes for $39,400 to install the 320-foot-long, 6-foot-wide walkway made of concrete with a base made of 3/4-inch, compacted, crushed stone.

"Silvershell Beach is the hot spot in the summer. They have handicapped parking with mats that give you access to the beach, but there's no access to the facilities or the playground so this was a priority for us," explained Cormier. "We already have it all laid out..."

Commission Chairman Jeff Doubrava estimated that, at most, construction would take a week.

"We'll have a stockpile on the side, we're not really worried about erosion," said Cormier. The sand removed for the construction will be used to support the area surrounding the walkway.

"It gets a little steep as you get up by the beach house, but we'll maintain that ADA grade," said Cormier. "With whatever money I have left over, I'll purchase a couple of ADA tables for (access.)"

"It's a great project, it's in an appropriate area, right from where the handicapped parking spaces are," said commissioner Shaun Walsh. "Kudos to you and Jay ... not here anymore, we're still reaping the benefits of his leadership, so thank you guys for applying for the grant."

Without anyone from the public interested to comment, the public hearing was closed.

The commission also issued Marion's Department of Public Works a Negative 2 and 3 Determination of Applicability to complete four test pits to determine the condition of subsurface soils in preparation for a water

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Attending the meeting remotely, DPW engineer Meghan Davis explained that the tests will be taken in the vicinity of the Creek Road Pumping Station and will require digging at 6 feet in depth. At the completion of the testing, said Davis, the holes will be backfilled with the excavated material and pavement installed.

Although the work proposed is inside the 200-foot buffer zone to wetlands, close to a body of water and in the flood zone, the job will make no direct impact or permanent alterations to resources areas, Davis said.

Doubrava said, five or six years ago, the commission issued the town an Order of Conditions to repave Creek Road. "The question that came up at the time was ... a lot of discussion that that road was built upon substandard fill," he said, noting that the road was wavy. The solution at the time, he recalled, was that the town was going to "put enough road base down that you could put this on top of mattresses and you'll still get a nice, smooth road."

Davis acknowledged that the town will be excavating the same area of the roadway.

"So, just to be sure we're covering all bases with the type of soils that could potentially be under there, we just wanted to do some ... testing to make sure we know what we're dealing with before we do any type of excavation," she explained. "And after the water main is installed, we will be paving the patch of the water main, not the full width of the roadway. Just to make sure the pavement

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will be structurally intact as well."

Davis said the hole will be opened and closed the same day, leaving no stockpile of material.

The public hearing was voted closed.

Regarding unauthorized activity taking place at 21 East Avenue, Walsh said he observed a piece of heavy machinery at the base of the driveway and some indication that work had been done at the site. "It's in a resource area for sure, whether it's an impact on the resource area (is the question)," said Doubrava.

Noting the conversion of grass to other plantings, Walsh said there is an exemption but suggested the commission or Conservation Agent Doug Guey-Lee write a letter to the property owners acknowledging that the work being done on the site is in a jurisdictional area (flood zone, buffer zone to coastal bank) and that any work should be accompanied by a RDA filing with the Conservation Commission.

Guey-Lee agreed to draft a letter to be reviewed at the commissioners' next public meeting.

In separate votes, the commission voted to issue the Jeffrey J. and Elizabeth M. Doubrava Revocable Trust and John A. and Carol F. Whittemore certificates of compliance for work performed at 47 and 51 East Avenue, respectively.

As applicant in one of the cases, Doubrava recused himself and Emil Assing served as chairman for the matter. Assing, together with Walsh and associate member Millie Seeberg, visited the site, noting that the docks and floats were out of the water.

Requested to comment to the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding property owned by Theodore Duncan at 17A Pine Grove Lane, the commission determined that the land is non-jurisdictional.

After discussion regarding the governor's extension of the right to include a remote aspect of public meetings, the commissioners agreed to continue meeting in a hybrid format used on April 12.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, at 7:00 pm at the Police Station on Route 6 and accessible via Zoom.

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AHT Strategizing to Sustain Momentum

Marion Affordable Housing Trust

By Mick Colageo

As the Affordable Housing Trust discussed the proposed elimination of the Inclusionary Zoning Bylaw during its April 11 public meeting, member Norm Hills explained that many proposed changes in town bylaws intended to go on the warrant for the May 8 Annual Town Meeting never got past the Planning Board.

"We removed them all from the warrant so it should be a short meeting, I think, this year," said Hills. "It went onto discussion of the Inclusionary Bylaw. Those changes are not going to Town Meeting either, so it's at least until Fall Town Meeting to hash this out. Sherman (Briggs) wanted it at the Town Meeting."

Affordable Housing Trust member Nancy McFadden noted that Planning Board member Andrew Daniel repeatedly suggested a citizens' petition should allow the proposed elimination of the Inclusionary Bylaw to go to Town Meeting.

Hills said there was a schedule to keep but that, "no one seemed inclined to force it on (the warrant) either."

Affordable Housing Trust Chairperson Terri Santos stressed that attempts will continue to be made to eliminate the bylaw.

"So we need to maybe come up with a strategy, maybe think of ways to work with (bylaw opponents Briggs, Daniel and Jon Henry)," said Santos. "There are different types of inclusionary housing bylaws that incorporate higher median incomes like what they do on Nantucket and the Vineyard. Over 80 percent area income, it doesn't go on your (Subsidized Housing Inventory.)"

Santos explained that anything on a town's SHI has to be below 80% of the area's median income. Towns such as Nantucket and on Martha's Vineyard are incorporating higher income limits for working people who live on those islands.

Hills said the proposed Village Style Smart Growth District would accomplish some of those goals.

"The big problem is this town has never done anything, it's always done to us," said Hills. "The town owns a lot of land but it's all 'open space.' You can't do anything to it."

Member Susan Miller asked Hills if, during the Planning Board's debate over the Inclusionary Housing Bylaw, if he saw any room for compromise.

"Basically, they said, 'Ten percent, we don't want to do anything,' but the fact is it's only conditional," said Hills. "Until (Wareham Road 40B developer Ken Steen) pulls a building permit - and he's got a year to do that - if he doesn't do it within a year, all those things fall off. They don't count anymore. ... They think we're home safe and we're not. I don't see any movement on his part to do anything down there."

Santos is seeking ideas on how to approach this

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issue, and Hills suggested Marion needs to consult with experts. Santos suggested that the Massachusetts Housing Partnership would be willing to help.

The membership briefly discussed Briggs' former proposal for 28 townhouses off Spring Street, noting that there is heavy equipment at the site.

Santos sent the membership the link to the Community Preservation Committee's guidebook. "We're not utilizing our housing funds," she said, suggesting Marion learn what surrounding towns are doing to address the state affordable-housing threshold.

Santos said she also wants to look at the Accessory Dwelling Bylaw. As of now in Marion, such an apartment must be occupied by a family member. If not, the matter has to go through the whole subsidized-housing process, she said.

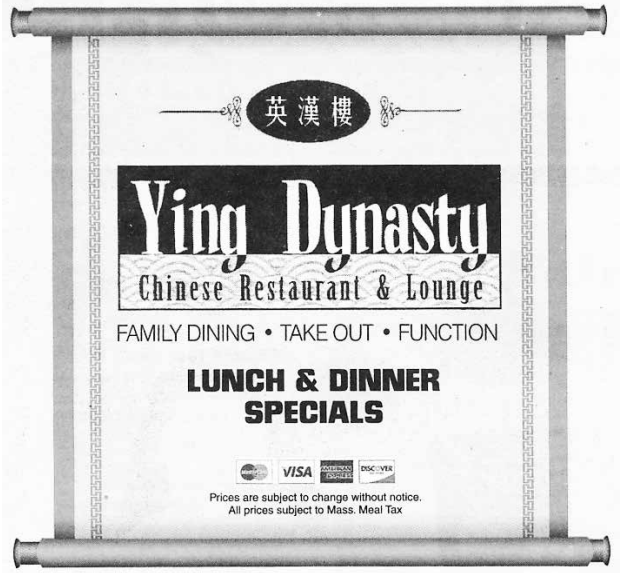
"We've got to be proactive," said Santos, looking for ideas on how to use CPC funding. "It's got to be a deed-restricted property."

Hills said the Affordable Housing Trust would need to establish criteria for CPC-funding eligibility.

Miller said many residents complain about water bills; Hills said the matter will grow worse. Miller agreed to conduct some research.

At the suggestion of Minhtram Tran, the Affordable Housing Trust is considering a tour of affordable-housing developments in May.

As Hills explained, the 2022 Housing Production



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Thursday April 20, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM You and Your Health
9:00 AM A Conversation With…
9:30 AM Arts Alive
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Auto Sense
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 AM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Dana Debarros and Rhonda Pina Mendes
3:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Andrew Lloyd Webber
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday April 14, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With…
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM FORM Instrumental Concert
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-Town Against Racism
7:45 PM Sippican Historical Society - 19th Century American Landscapes
9:00 PM The Non-Profit World
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday April 21, 2023
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM A Conversation With…
11:00 AM Auto Sense
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Dana Debarros and Rhonda Pina Mendes
2:30 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
3:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies on the Southcoast
5:30 PM Cape Conversations
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - 19th Century American Landscapes
9:30 PM Registers Report
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday April 22, 2023
6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
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2:25 PM Sippican Historical Society - 19th Century American Landscapes
3:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - The Climate Crisis and its Solution
9:30 PM This is America & The World
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday April 23, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Shw
10:00 AM A Conversation With…
10:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
5:00 PM Tri-Town Against Racism
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:20 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Andrew Lloyd Webber
7:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
8:00 PM Pete on the Street
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday April 24, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Arts Alive
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
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3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Plastic Pollution
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
6:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
7:00 PM Tri-Town Against Racism
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday April 25, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Auto Sense
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With…
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Tri-Town Against Racism
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:00 PM Tri-Town Against Racism
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Marion Planning Board
11:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
1:00 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
2:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Committee
3:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
4:30 PM Marion Board of Health
5:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
6:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Committee
8:30 PM Marion School Committee
11:00 PM ORR School Committee

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
9:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeal
11:30 AM Rochester School Committee
1:30 PM ORR School Committee
3:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
5:30 PM ORR Budget Public Hearing
6:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
10:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission
11:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM ORR School Committee
9:30 AM ORR Public Budget Hearing
11:00 AM Old Hammondtown School Autism Acceptance
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Girls Softball vs GNBVT
2:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs St. Mary's
3:00 PM ORR Student vs Staff Basketball Fundraiser
4:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Boston English
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Music Department 2020 Tribute
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Plan was not addressed during a particularly lengthy Planning Board meeting. (The Planning Board did finally vote to approve it on Tuesday night, and the Select Board is scheduled to meet Wednesday night.)

The next meeting of the Marion Affordable Housing Trust is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, at 6:00 pm.

School Choice Adds Two New Slots

Mattapoisett School Committee

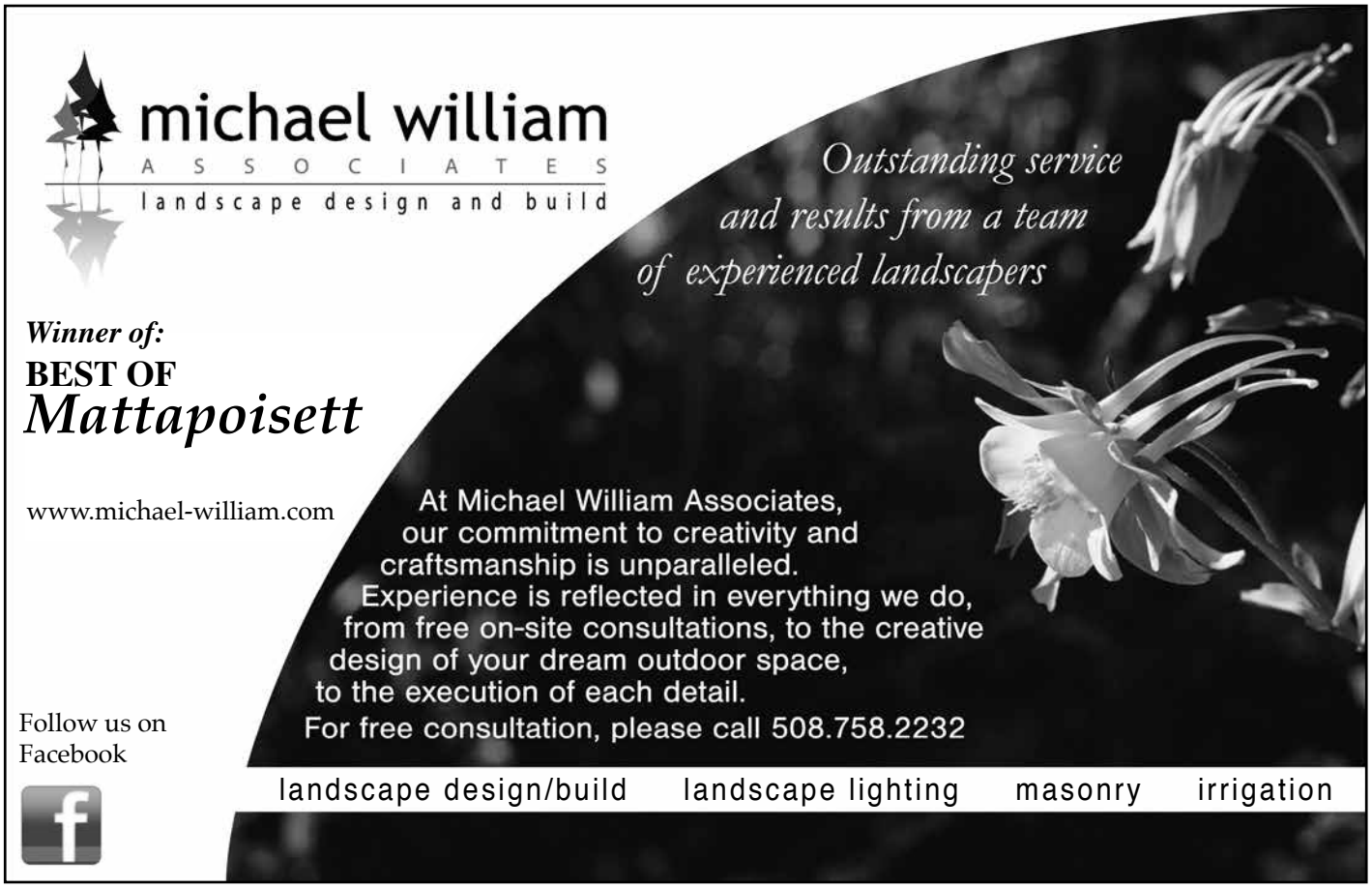
By Mick Colageo

Prompted by the suggestion of Amanda Hastings and a motion from Jim Muse, the Mattapoisett School Committee voted during its April 13 public meeting to approve two new slots for its School Choice program for the 2023-24 academic year.

The action increases the maximum number of slots from 12 to 14.

The public hearing on School Choice began with Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson reporting that all 12 current School Choice slots between Center School and Old Hammondtown are currently full and that one slot is expected to open up with the impending departure of an Old Hammondtown student scheduled to graduate out of the program.

With the April 13 vote and presuming the existing 12 School Choice students continue, there will be a potential of three openings for next school year.



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At the outset, Nelson recommended the committee vote to maintain the current 12-student cap with preference being given to Grades K-2. He reported that 15 applications had already come in for the 2023-24 school year. A lottery date will be set for May. Nelson said the tuition rate is $5,000 per student, except for Special Education situations, which are custom crafted according to need.

During the public hearing, Hastings, attending via Zoom, asked, in light of the pandemic's effects on education, if the committee should consider expanding the program in order to benefit out-of-district students who might benefit from the ORR School District's recent focus on literacy.

Mattapoisett School Committee Chairperson Carly Lavin sought clarification regarding Hastings' suggestion that older students be considered in such an expansion.

Hastings confirmed Lavin's interpretation and suggested ORR "broaden the net" of students to be considered for School Choice not only by expanding the number of slots offered but in doing so, addressing the needs of children older than Grades K-2.

In response, Lavin explained the committee's traditional preference for Grades K-2.

"We are really focused on having a school community and a culture that embraces the students, and ... we have seen the benefits of seeing these students come in early in K, One or Two, able to really reap the educational rewards but also the social, emotional and cultural rewards that we bring - I'm saying K-through-Six schools, all the way through - versus somebody that has come in Five and Six ...," said Lavin. "The responsive classroom is really embedded in our K-One ... I am partial to staying K-One to be honest."

Nelson noted that the 15 applications received are of a proactive nature in case Mattapoisett decided to raise its current cap on School Choice openings. He also noted that the committee could vote to maintain the current 12-student cap without affecting the FY24 operating budget.

No one responded to the opening of the floor to public comment on the matter, and the committee voted to close the public hearing.

It was during deliberation that Muse put forth the suggestion that Mattapoisett expand its School Choice cap from 12 to 14 students (opening three spots for 2023-24.)

"It seems to me we'd be able to have two new spots," he said, referencing Mattapoisett's "excellent

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Timothy Lloyd Clark, 44, passed suddenly at St. Luke's Hospital on April 7th, 2023. Born in Dallas, Texas, husband of Amy Ross Clark and son of Daniel Lloyd Clark and Deborah Carr Clark, he lived in Rochester, MA, at Eastover Farm.

Tim will always be remembered as a smart, athletic, funny and handsome father, husband, son, brother, and great friend. He took pride in his rowing days at Tabor Academy going undefeated to win the New Englands before graduating in 1997. Tim met Amy Ross at Colgate University where he played rugby and joined the Kappa Delta Rho fraternity, making lifelong friends. After graduation in 2001, Tim moved to NYC beginning in consulting with The Cambridge Group and then boutique investment banking with The Seabury Group and Gruppo Levey & Company. Marrying in 2004, Tim and Amy had their first daughter, Rosemary, in 2007 while Tim was completing his MBA at Amos Tuck School of Business. Their second daughter, Grace, was born in Rochester, MA in 2009.

Tim is survived by his wife of 18 ½ years, his sister, Katherine Hiller Clark, two daughters, Rosemary June and Grace Bedford, his parents, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was the grandson of the late Richard and June (Hiller) Carr and Robert and Mariana (Lloyd) Clark.

Visiting hours were held on Thursday, April 13th in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett, MA. His funeral was held Friday, April 14th at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, Marion, MA. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Marion, MA. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Epilepsy Foundation, Attn: Donor Services, 3540 Crain Highway Suite 675, Bowie, MD 20716; or the American Transplant Foundation, 600 17th St Suite 2515 S, Denver, CO 80202.

Justin P. Doberck, 41, of Mattapoisett, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, April 7, 2023.

Those who knew Justin were amazed watching him move through this life, and feel blessed to have been in it at the same time. He was beautiful and one of the most interesting people anyone could know. He was loved fiercely by his family who were relentlessly proud of him.

Justin was a commercial offshore fishing captain for many years, starting over two decades ago working on the Serene out of Mattapoisett, captured on the cover of Insider Magazine, F/V Buzzards Bay, F/V Sally Katherine and F/V Silver Key out of the Port of New Bedford, F/V Direction out of Fairhaven, and then operator of fishing vessels with his mate and brother, Billy, for more than 10 years for M.E. Fisheries, then F/V McKinley, and most currently for Atlantic Red Crab. He also enjoyed logging and working at his sawmill in his spare time.

He was passionate about music, a long-time guitarist, he was always willing to try new instruments. He was happy being outdoors, in the woods, riding his '57 Panhead, or taking a drive around town in his truck. He was generous with his time, whether helping someone out or taking his family and friends out on his boat or on other adventures.

Justin lived most of his life in Mattapoisett where he raised his daughter, Kiya, with Brianne Donovan. Justin and Kiya enjoyed spending time together coming up with fun things to do. Justin enjoyed being outdoors and visited NH often, where he mountain biked and snow boarded. He also traveled to the south and west and spent a short time living in Vail, CO. He had many experiences and stories to tell. He loved his family and was proud of his heritage. He was a good friend, had good friends and loved to laugh.

He was a remarkable and deeply loved son, brother, dad, grandson and nephew. He is the father of Kiya Doberck, the son of William and Charlene Doberck, brother of William Doberck, Jr., grandson of William F. and Bernice Power, nephew of Carol Beadle, Cheryl and Robert Hebert, Cynthia and John Getchell, Ellen and Barry Montella, and Colonel (Retired) Scott and Mrs. Rochanda Power. He is the grandson of the late Carl V. and Elizabeth Doberck.

His visitation was held on Friday in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. His Funeral Service was held on Saturday in the Seamen's Bethel. Burial was private.

Cathleen M. (Tahair) Carreiro, 65, of Fairhaven passed into eternal life on April 11, 2023 while on hospice care at St. Luke's Hospital. She was the wife of Robert A. Carreiro of Fairhaven.

She was born in New Bedford on March 11, 1958 to Marcia (Galavotti) Tahair and the late Harry Tahair.

She spent many years of her life caring for children, providing daycare, love and support for them, just as she had raised her own family. Her love for children was a staple of her life. She was a natural teacher with great patience. Cathy was also an accomplished cook and loved to entertain. She later began a career in the restaurant industry. She was formerly employed as the manager of The Captain's Table at the Seaport Inn in Fairhaven and Abreau's Restaurant in New Bedford. Cathy later took her flair for entertaining and love of fine dining to the Daniel Webster Inn in Sandwich where she served as a function coordinator for many years until her retirement due to illness and injury. She was beloved by her many customers over the years for her superior service.

In addition to her husband, Robert, and her mother, Marcia, she is survived by her son, Christopher R. Carreiro

of Boston; her daughter, Sarah E. Carreiro of Fairhaven; two grandsons, Issac J. Meneses and Chance C. Melo, both of Fairhaven; two sisters, Stephanie Hege of Charlotte, NC and Jen Medeiros of Taunton; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and former colleagues.

Cathy's family would like to send heartfelt thanks to the many nurses and staff at St. Luke's Hospital and hospice for their kind and compassionate care during her hospital stay. They are indeed Angels who walk the Earth.

A Memorial Visitation was held Tuesday, April 18, 2023 in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. A Mass in Cathy's memory will be said at a later date. Those wishing to attend can leave their contact information on a sheet near the guestbook at her visitation. In lieu of flowers, donations in Cathy's memory may be made to either Hasbro Children's Hospital, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, or Make-A-Wish Massachusetts. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Jeanette Rosenthal King, 60, of Marion passed away peacefully on April 10, 2023 at home surrounded by family and loved ones.

Born in Long Beach, CA on June 16, 1962, Jeanette was the eldest of nine children of Judith and Henry Rosenthal and graduated in 1980 from La Serna HS.

Driven to help the vulnerable, Jeanette studied biology at UC-Irvine where she met her husband, Dave, in 1984. Upon graduating in 1986, Jeanette moved with Dave to Fort Collins, CO, where she earned her BS in Nursing at the University of Northern Colorado in 1989. Jeanette accepted a position as a labor and delivery nurse at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY, which granted her the special opportunity to be closer to Dave's family. In 1989, she and Dave married and in 1992 welcomed their son, Jonathan.

Determined to make a greater impact on patients, Jeanette joined the inaugural midwifery program at the University of Rochester, and graduated with an MS in Nursing in 1996. Jeanette then began practicing midwifery at St. Joseph's Hospital in Towson, MD, where they happily resided for ten years, and welcomed two more children: Isabella in 1998 and Nathaniel in 2001.

Sadly, in 2003, Jeanette was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. With the support of thousands, deep faith, exceptional care at Johns Hopkins, and a strong desire to raise her children into adulthood, Jeanette beat that cancer in 2007.

Empowered by this victory, Jeanette accepted an exciting opportunity to practice midwifery at Tobey Hospital in Wareham, MA and moved with her family to Marion, MA in 2007, where she happily resided until her death. During these years, Jeanette delivered thousands of babies at St. Vincent's Hospital, Falmouth Hospital, Cape Cod Hospital, and Martha's Vineyard Hospital, and taught medical students at UMass. Her specialty was employing methods she'd developed to release anxiety and overcome cancer with other cancer patients and women in labor, with phenomenal results.

A devoted mother, Jeanette loved attending her children's sporting events, concerts, and academic competitions in the Towson and Old Rochester school systems. An All-State Junior Olympic swimmer, she especially enjoyed relaxing by the sea with loved ones at Silvershell Beach, the Thousand Islands, Martha's Vineyard, and her beloved Pacific Ocean.

Jeanette's most important journey was growing ever closer to God. She was active at First & St. Stephen's Church in Towson and South Coast Community Church in Fairhaven and put all her energies into enthusiastically loving others.

Jeanette's faith, strength, and ability to love sustained her when she was diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic breast cancer in October 2020. As always, Jeanette wildly exceeded expectations and joyfully spent her final years hiking along Buzzard's Bay, inspiring others, and enjoying good times with loved ones. She loved to smile and laugh. Whether dancing wildly to the B-52's or walking into a dinner party with a colander on her head, Jeanette brought light into every room she entered. She will be deeply missed.

Jeanette is survived by her loving husband Dave; sons Jonathan and Nathaniel; daughter Isabella; mother Judy Loconte; siblings Shelly, Michael, David, Cynthia, Eric, Leah, Brandon, and Lindy; and dozens of nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be Friday, April 21st from 4-8 pm at Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. Her Funeral Service will be Saturday, April 22nd at 12 pm in the funeral home. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

In lieu of flowers, Jeanette's family kindly requests that donations be made in her name to The Cape Wellness Collaborative. For information on how to donate, please visit www.capewellness.org.

Services for **Elizabeth S. "Betsy" Dunn**, of Marion, who died in February will be held on Saturday, April 29th at the First Congregational Church, Front St., Marion at 11 am with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Betsy's memory to: Betsy Dunn Music Fund, The First Congregational Church of Marion, P.O. Box 326, Marion, MA 02738.

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Movie Review

Hot Stuff

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***The Pope's Exorcist.* Starring Russell Crowe and Franco Nero. Directed by Julius Avery. Running time: 103 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.**

If you plan to see *The Pope's Exorcist,* may I suggest you preface it with a viewing of William Friedkin's 2017 documentary *The Devil and Father Amorth*? It's not much as a movie (it's streaming free with ads on Tubi), but its long centerpiece containing footage of a purported real exorcism is worth a look. It conveys the frustration and boredom as well as the drama and fear evoked by the ritual, and it shows us the then-91-year-old Father Gabriele Amorth at work, starting off by literally thumbing his nose at the devil and then working, steadily and patiently, for however long it takes. And the result isn't a Hollywood triumph, either. The victim, Cristina, has undergone nine unsuccessful Amorth exorcisms, including the one we see, and for all we know she suffers to this day.

Father Amorth gets his Hollywood close-up in *The Pope's Exorcist.* Hell, he's even played by Russell Crowe, here chowing down on his favored meal of late, a nice ham sandwich. Crowe must have seen the same footage of the real Amorth, because he gets the man's sometimes goofball sense of humor and a degree of unflappable calm in the face of demons. I think the actual Amorth might have laughed heartily at this film's depiction of him as an action exorcist, kicking down doors and investigating an ancient corpse's stomach. And Crowe, who seems to have eased into this B-movie camera-hog stage of his career, enjoys himself. Too bad we can't really share the fun.

We probably shouldn't look to most exorcism movies for physical realism. But this movie doesn't even gesture towards plausibility. People are supernaturally flung into walls with a force that should kill anyone, and they just groan a little and get up; one woman gets her head slammed onto a bathroom sink hard enough to shatter it, and somehow her skull doesn't follow suit. This is all caused by Asmodeus, a demon whose ultimate goal is to possess Amorth and infiltrate the Church. The demon starts off in the frail body of a little boy who hasn't spoken since seeing his father die a year ago. His mother and sister have accompanied him to an inherited Spanish abbey, which we gather was the site of a lot of evil. The demon, apparently there waiting, takes over the kid and demands a priest. They send in a wet-behind-the-ears fellow, and the demon roars "Send another priest!" I liked that a lot, but there's nothing else here as good.

So this younger priest joins forces with Amorth against this demon, who taunts them with visions of the women they sinned against. I can see how this could have been treated as a feminist wrinkle in the movie's premise (God is cool, the Church is shady), but in practice it's bloody, highly sexualized women bashing celibate men around, and it brings up tonal and thematic questions this frequently dumb movie doesn't have the wherewithal to answer. Maybe the director, Julius Avery, and the five people credited as writers on this thing have made an unconscious indictment not only of the Church but the toxic masculinity that powers it and commits so much evil behind closed gilded doors. We chew this over; maybe the movie is more thoughtful than we'd assumed. But then it's back to the demon pretending to be a woman biting the head off a bird.

It's not every movie that suffers in comparison to not one but two William Friedkin exorcism movies. *The Exorcist*, of course, is an enduring ornament on the gnarled tree of horror. And even *The Devil and Father Amorth,* for all that it feels like a DVD extra that probably wouldn't even have gotten the small release it did if Friedkin's name weren't on it, has that blandly filmed ritual with a growling, obviously pained woman at its center (possessed or psychologically/neurologically wounded? the movie leaves it open), creating the drama the one-take filmmaking lacks. *The Pope's Exorcist* is dramatic bordering on melodramatic, but it doesn't take any of its own concerns seriously, the way you definitely felt Friedkin and William Peter Blatty did on *The Exorcist.* This might as well be an *Evil Dead* film a week early.

education."

While Nelson recommended that any new slots earmarked for grades higher than K-2 go to rising fifth graders, Lavin said she would be most comfortable if two new slots went to students in Grades K-1. She noted that adding two School Choice students to Grade 2 would bring the Grade 2 total for 2023-24 to five.

Nelson explained that once a student is accepted into Mattapoisett's School Choice program, that student is guaranteed a spot until graduating out following Grade 6. Even if the committee voted to cancel the entire School Choice program, the existing 11 students in the program would be grandfathered to completion (through Grade 6.)

In other business, the committee voted to approve a field trip to Roger Williams Zoo in Providence for the Grade 1 class, sponsored by the Mattapoisett Parent-Teacher Association.

The Mattapoisett PTA also was approved for its donation of $6,000 to fund spring 2023 field trips. Nelson and committee members expressed appreciation for the PTA's efforts to support the students.

In her Chairperson's Report, Lavin explained the adjusted meeting schedule relative to the need to avoid a potential Open Meeting Law violation. She celebrated two events: the Old Hammondtown Grade 6 students versus faculty basketball game and the more-recent art show.

In his Central Office Report, Nelson said transitional meetings are underway for the next school year. He

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also reported that the UMass Boston Collins Center has provided a draft report on Mattapoisett facilities.

Dr. Shari Federowicz, the assistant superintendent for Teaching & Learning, reported that the literacy program is in Round 2, due to be completed at the end of April.

Mattapoisett Schools will be represented on the Town Meeting warrant with at least one capital-planning article.

The committee voted to enter executive session and only to return for adjournment.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett School Committee is scheduled for Monday, May 15, at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the Joint School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, at 6:30 pm.

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor

The annual Mattapoisett town meeting approaches and this gathering will afford us all an opportunity to remedy the serious litter problem and public nuisance that has long accompanied the sale of nips. A warrant article will ask voters to ban the sale of these miniature liquor bottles which, as we all know, litter our roadways and parks, clog our storm drains and wash ashore on our beaches. These pesky plastic bottles are not biodegradable, and they do not get recycled. The sheer numbers we can all see littering the ground are simply mind-boggling, chiefly because the vast majority are flung from the windows of passing cars whose operators are fully conscious of the need to conceal their actions. In proposing this ban I would challenge voters to name any benefit provided to our community by allowing the sale of these things. Imagine also for a moment that their sale was already prohibited in Mattapoisett and an attempt was put forward to overturn the ban. What argument could be advanced to support that proposal when weighed against the ugly reality that we currently experience from their presence? Apart from the huge litter problem, permitting the sale of nips simply facilitates drinking and driving and the scale of that is disturbing, judging by the volume of discards. The plain truth is that these nips negatively impact our community and quality of life. This is not just a local problem. More and more communities are moving on this, with bans already in effect in cities and towns nationwide, including Chicago

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and Albuquerque. Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket have acted as have Wareham, Falmouth and Mashpee. We can do it too. It will require a two-thirds majority to pass and I would urge all voters who care about our town to attend town meeting on May 8 and cast a vote for a better Mattapoisett.

Don Cuddy, Mattapoisett

Dear Editor,

I would like to talk about values. Values serve as a guide for human behavior and here are some examples of Values.

Honesty, the quality of being honest.

Integrity, the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness

Kindness, the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate

Generosity, the quality of being kind and generous.

Courage, the ability to do something that frightens one.

Confidence, the feeling or belief that one can rely on someone or something; firm trust.

Let us put this all together and apply it to everyday living, schools, work, and home. Values serve as a guide for human behavior. Values also help us to decide what is right or wrong, good, or bad. Values are at the core of all of us. So please with everything happening in our little town let's apply Values to all and everyone

Remember a person's most beautiful asset is not

Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights April 9-April 15
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare
- Oak St – Suspicious person
- Wareham Rd – Road hazard
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Mill St - Transport
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Quail's Crossing Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Benson Brook Rd – General service
- Parkway Ln – General service
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Farm Rd – EMS/medical
- Crapo St – Family disturbance
- Spring St – General service
- Delano Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Recovered property
- Front St – General service
- Delano Rd – Animal complaint
- Converse Rd – Animal bite
- Point Rd – Parking enforcement
- Rezendes Ter – Mental health assist
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Cranberry Hwy – MV complaint
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- 105 overpass – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Front St – General service

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights April 9-April 15
- County Rd – Property lost
- Melissa Anne Ln – Brush fire
- County Rd – MV lockout
- North St – Suspicious persons
- Brant Beach Ave – Restraining order
- Acushnet Rd – MV lockout
- Crestfield St – Missing person
- Crystal Spring Rd – MV violations
- Wendell St – Ambulance request
- Hamlin Rd – Animal control
- Ship St – MV violations
- Knollwood Dr – Suspicious persons
- I195 East – Animal control
- County Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Antassawamock Rd – Medical alarm
- Ridge Ave – Animal control
- Prospect Rd – Open door
- Bay View CB Ave – Larceny/forgery
- River Bend Ln – Suspicious persons
- Bowman Rd – Animal control
- Fairhaven Rd – Transport
- Hammond St – General service
- Hammond St - Trespassing
- Main St – MV crash
- County Rd – Property lost
- Marion Rd – MV lockout
- County Rd – MV crash
- Barstow St – Suspicious persons
- County Rd – Harassing phone calls

ROCHESTER
Log highlights April 9-April 15
- Cranberry Hwy – 91 call
- Dexter Ln -General services
- New Bedford Rd – Animal control
- New Bedford Rd – 911 call
- Forbes Rd – General services
- Neck Rd – Civil complaint
- North Ave – MV stop/towed
- Dexter Ln - Threats
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd - Fraud
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Benjamin Dr – Medical alarm
- New Bedford Rd – Outside fire
- Neck Rd – General services
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cross Rd – 911 call
- Neck Rd – MV collision
- Alley Rd – 911 call
- Dexter Ln - Fraud
- Forbes Rd – Follow up
- New Bedford Rd – Follow up
- Marion Rd – General services
- Neck Rd – Water rescue
- Dexter Ln – Suspicious activity
- Forbes Rd – Suspicious activity
- County Rd – Message delivery
- Clapp Rd – 911 call
- Marys Pond Rd - Medical

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, April 24: Chicken lo mein, oriental vegetables, whole grain roll, applesauce
Tuesday, April 25: Carne Asada, roasted potatoes, brussel sprouts, multigrain bread, Mandarin oranges
Wednesday, April 26: Roasted turkey w/gravy, mashed potatoes, winter squash, oatmeal bread, iced double chocolate cake, diet: low-sugar cake
Thursday, April 27: Shrimp mozambique, yellow rice, green beans, scali bread, peaches
Friday, April 28: Spinach, feta & egg bake, hash browns, California vegetables, fruit loaf, pears

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, April 24: Cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, April 25: Zesty orange chicken, fried rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie
Wednesday, April 26: Warm turkey & cheese croissant, baked sweet potato rounds, crunchy cucumber coins
Thursday, April 27: Creamy mac & cheese, carrots, applesauce cup
Friday, April 28: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, April 24: Meatball sub, carrots, pasta salad
Tuesday, April 25: Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, steamed rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, April 26: Whole grain French toast sticks, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick, tator tots
Thursday, April 27: Creamy mac & cheese, carrots, applesauce cup
Friday, April 28: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, April 24: Cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, April 25: Taco Tuesday – beef taco, taco toppings bar, steamed rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, April 26: Warm turkey & cheese croissant, baked sweet potato rounds, crunchy cucumber coins
Thursday, April 27: Chicken lo mein, broccoli, fortune cookie
Friday, April 28: Appetizer basket: meatballs, onion rings, breaded mozzarella sticks served with warm marinara sauce, savory green beans

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, April 24: Cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, April 25: Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, steamed rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, April 26: Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick
Thursday, April 27: Spaghetti with meat sauce, warm breadstick, mixed veggies
Friday, April 28: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, April 24: Cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, April 25: Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, steamed rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, April 26: Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, Jones low salt sausage links, cheese stick
Thursday, April 27: Spaghetti with meat sauce, warm breadstick, mixed veggies
Friday, April 28: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, April 24: Orange chicken bowl & dinner roll
Tuesday, April 25: Cheese pizza quesadilla & fries
Wednesday, April 26: Chicken chow mein & chop suey veggies
Thursday, April 27: Linguica sandwich & fries
Friday, April 28: Assorted pizzas

a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others.
Diana Harlfinger, Mattapoisett

ORRJH Students of the Month

Silas D. Coellner, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, announces the following Students of the Month for February, 2023
Green Team: **Addison C. Roy & Grace M. Hebert**
Orange Team: **Caitlin J. Wilson & Krishi J. Patel**
Blue Team: **Lilyann M. Rounseville & Oliver W. Hannack**
Red Team: **Karley A. Pinto & Alexander C. Dai**
Exploratory Team: **Torrin M. DaCosta & Olivia C. Lane**

Mattapoisett Candidates' Night

The League of Women Voters South Coast will be hosting a Candidates' Night for the benefit of Mattapoisett voters on Wednesday, **May 3**, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Old Hammondtown School.

Sippican Choral Society Spring Concert

Shake off the late winter/early spring doldrums. Time to celebrate what happens every spring.

"Music of Poetry and Love." Tickets are available now for the annual springtime concert by the Sippican Choral Society. The Southcoast vocal group will be performing Sunday, **April 30**, at 4 pm in Wickenden Chapel on the Tabor Academy campus in Marion.

The program includes works by jazz pianist George Shearing, adaptations of poems by E.E. Cummings, Robert Frost, and Shakespeare, and "One Hand, One Heart" from West Side Story, among others.

Tickets are $15 for general admission, and $5 for students. Children six years old and younger can attend for free. All participating members of the Sippican Choral Society have tickets to sell. Tickets are also available from the Marion General Store, The Symphony Shop in Dartmouth, Euro in Fairhaven, Isabelle's In Mattapoisett, and at the door prior to the concert.

"Pandemic restrictions are easing everywhere, just in time for weather that lets everybody get out of the house," said Mike Chaplain, president. "What better way to celebrate the return of nearly-normal life than going out to enjoy live music?"

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

April Vacation Week: Visit the library all week for outdoor lawn games, make a miniature library craft, and more. Visit for story time on **April 21** at 10:30 for a special visit from the Excellent Family to read stories celebrating Autism Awareness Month and Art Month at the Library. Participate in the SAILS road trip, visit local libraries to see their unique offerings and get your library passport stamped.

Lego Club Tuesdays at 4 pm - Our Lego Club is back. All kids are welcome to join us for some open-ended play time. Create your masterpiece.

Banned Book Club Tuesday **April 25** at 6:30. This month the banned Book Club is reading Lawn Boy by Jonathan Evison, described as a vibrant coming of age novel and a sharp commentary on class. Copies are available to check out at the library.

Coping with the Loss of a Pet Program **April 27** at 6:30-7:30. Join us in welcoming Susan Holt, DVM, and Veterinary Chaplain Kelly Drescher Johnson, B.A., M.Div., to speak about coping with the loss of a pet, and provide helpful strategies and resources for people mourning an animal companion. Local pet photographer Jennifer Carroll will discuss her involvement with The Tilly Project, an end-of life pet photography network which connects pet owners with photographers, and provides supportive resources for photography, anticipatory grief, and pet loss. Admission is free. Seating is limited, so please call to register, or sign up at the library.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or call us at 508-748-1252

More Yoga at the Marion Art Center

The Marion Art Center will run a new session of Yoga at the MAC in May with instructor Elke Pierre. Classes will meet Tuesday mornings for four weeks in May in the MAC's Patsy Francis Gallery (upstairs). Enjoy an hour of yoga while viewing beautiful artwork in the gallery. **May 6, 9, 16, and 23**. Students can sign up for all four sessions or choose from four dates. The cost for MAC Members is $20 per session or $70 for all 4 weeks; the cost for nonmembers $25 per session or $85 for all 4 weeks. Learn more and register online at marionartcenter.org/events. Space is limited to 10 students, and early registration is recommended.

About the class: Appreciate and treasure the practice of yoga. This is a slow-moving practice with the goal of reducing tension in the body to relax the mind. In each class, we will explore a handful of common postures

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32 Taylor Swift album signed for a Catholic dignitary?
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41 John Lennon album sitting there all by itself?
43 Shoe parts
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61 Michael Jackson album that plays mind games?
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69 Having no depth, in brief
70 Spellbound
71 Bob Marley album that's very popular in big cities?
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85 General — chicken
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88 Only OK
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92 Least distant
93 Badly damaged Fleetwood Mac album?
97 Assessed
99 Mad magazine's Alfred E. —
100 Dryly funny
101 Peeling knife
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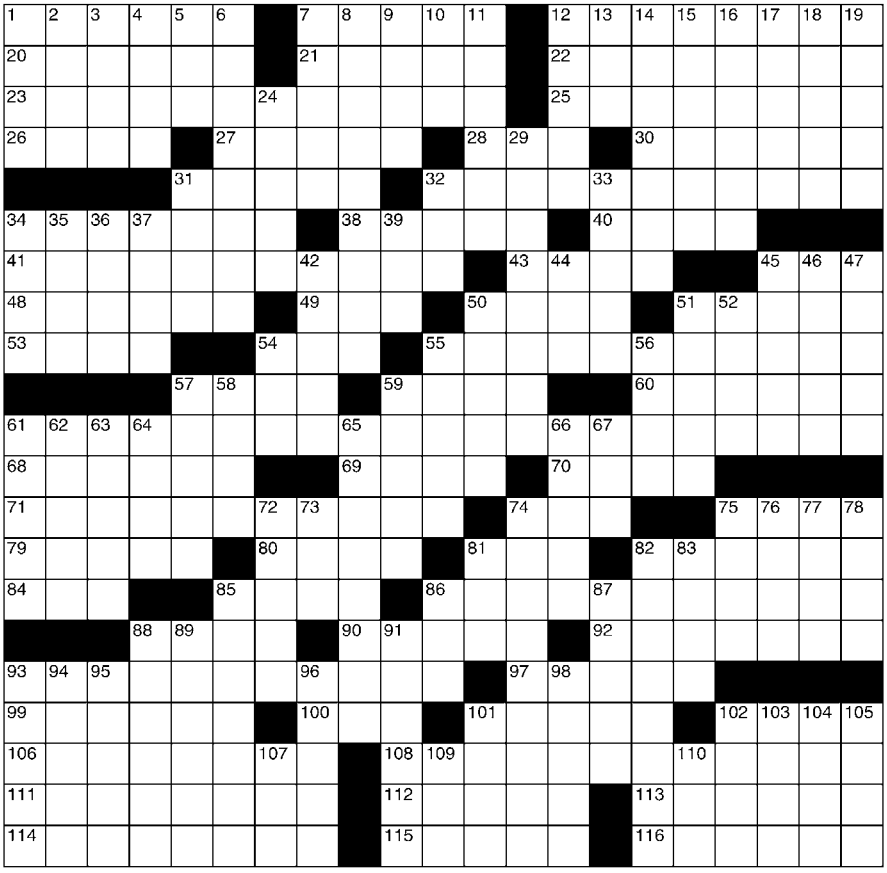

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to reassess important relationships, both personal and professional, to see where problems might exist and how they can be overcome. Keep the lines of communication open.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's not easy to bring order to a chaotic situation, whether it's in the workplace or at home. But if anyone can do it, you can. A pleasant surprise awaits you by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be careful that you don't make an upcoming decision solely on the word of those who might have their own reasons for wanting you to act as they suggest. Check things out for yourself.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A personal relationship that seems to be going nowhere could be restarted once you know why it stalled in the first place. An honest discussion could result in some surprising revelations.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That unexpected attack of self-doubt could be a way of warning yourself to go slow before making a career-changing decision. Take more time to do a closer study of the facts.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace problem needs your attention now, before it deteriorates to a point beyond repair. A trusted third party could be helpful in closing the gaps that have opened.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent family situation could give rise to a new problem. Keep an open mind and avoid making judgments about anyone's motives until all the facts are in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Rely on your always-sharp intuition to alert you to potential problems with someone's attempt to explain away the circumstances behind a puzzling incident.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although you still need to do some snipping off of those lingering loose ends from a past project, you can begin moving on to something else.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-confidence levels rising, you should feel quite comfortable with agreeing to take on a possibly troublesome, but potentially well-rewarded situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is favored, both for business and for fun. The end of the week brings news about an upcoming project that could lead toward a promised career change.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel suddenly overwhelmed by a flood of responsibilities. But if you deal with each one in its turn, you'll soon be able to hold your head above water and move on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful way of offering comfort as well as guidance. You would do well in the healing arts.

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in depth. Once learned we will move them together in a honey flow. Elke uses clear language to help students find safe alignment and to notice how this affects the busy mind. Finish with a few restorative postures, guided meditation, and deep relaxation. This experience will be calming, mindful and complete. This class is good for beginners and great for seasoned students who want to relearn, go deeper, and practice with attention to detail. This is not a vinyasa class; expect longer holds and hands-on assists (optional). Because this class is small each student will receive individual attention. Reiki Energy Healing in savanna if you wish. Please bring a mat and a blanket.

Mattapoisett Library Hosts North Sea Gas

The Purrington Lecture Series presents a concert with Scotland's beloved folk group, North Sea Gas, on Tuesday, **May 2** at 6:00 pm in the Community Room of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street.

Forty years and stronger than ever. "North Sea Gas" is one of Scotland's most popular folk bands with great vocals and tremendous three part harmonies. Guitars, Mandolin, Fiddle, Bouzouki, Harmonica, Whistles, Bodhrans, Banjo and good humor are all part of the entertainment. They have received Gold and Silver Disc awards from the Scottish Music Industry Association and regularly have sold out shows at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and around the world.

Their show, and their albums, consist of traditional, contemporary and self-penned material put together, in a style all their own, along with their humor and story-telling. This proves popular during their regular tours of Scotland, America, Canada, Germany, Austria, Estonia, Turkey, and many other destinations both in and outside of their home in Scotland. Every year there are appearances on TV and Radio on both sides of the Atlantic including "Late Night Saturday," "Woodsongs Old Time Radio Hour," and "Song of the Mountains" shown on select PBS (Public Broadcasting Service) TV stations in the U.S. In the past, the band recorded for Chinese television with an estimated audience of 800 million, played in Istanbul, Turkey for the British Consulate, and recently had the honor of performing at the famous Rosslyn Chapel.

The Purrington Lecture Series is sponsored by the Mattapoisett Library Trust, is a not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to expanding the role of the Library in the community. For more information about this program, send an email to Jennifer Jones at jjones@sailsinc.org. Visit mattapoisettlibrary.org for more details and to see other upcoming events.

Art in Bloom Returns in June

The Marion Art Center announces the return of its three day festival, Art in Bloom, **June 22-24,** with a reception scheduled Thursday, June 22 from 5-7 pm.

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Mary-Ellen Livingstone spotted this turtle in the bike parking area off of Old Mattapoisett Neck Road.

Ruth A. Griffin shared this photo of Mattapoisett Town Beach on Saturday evening.

(left)Adults and children enjoyed Sunday's Tidal Pool Exploration at Brainard Marsh with the Sippican Lands Trust. Photo courtesy of Alan Harris
(right) Sippican Lands Trust's Tidal Pool Exploration on April 16 at Brainard Marsh. Photo by Jeffrey D. Wagner

Boston artist Bren Bataclan and Sippican Elementary School art teacher Katie Pike show off Bataclan's artwork during the Marion school's Arts in Action event. Featured work was created by students in Grades K-6 as part of their ongoing Global Art Adventure curriculum. Photos courtesy of Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55

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The MAC will host several events over the three-day period. Anyone is invited to create an arrangement for Art in Bloom, and designers may work in pairs or teams. Designers may visit the MAC May 12-June 21 to view the exhibit featuring paintings by Anne Carrozza Remick & Stephen Remick. Choose one of the works on display to inspire your artistic floral creation. There will be only one designer or design team per artwork. Designers may use any available MAC pedestals for displaying arrangements but are encouraged to bring their own unique stand of appropriate size and height. All arrangements must be delivered to the Marion Art Center no later than Thursday, June 22 at 12:00 pm.

Other events include: Jill Sanford's Art for Your Mind presentation Landscapes Old and New on Thursday, **June 22** from 1:00-2:00 pm ($5 MAC members, $8 for nonmembers); Artful Flower Pressing with Meagan Souza on Saturday, **June 24**, 10:00 am-12:30 pm ($35 for MAC members, $40 for nonmembers); a watercolor painting workshop (details TBA), and more. Learn more at marionartcenter.org/events. Art in Bloom also coincides with the Marion Garden Group's Secret

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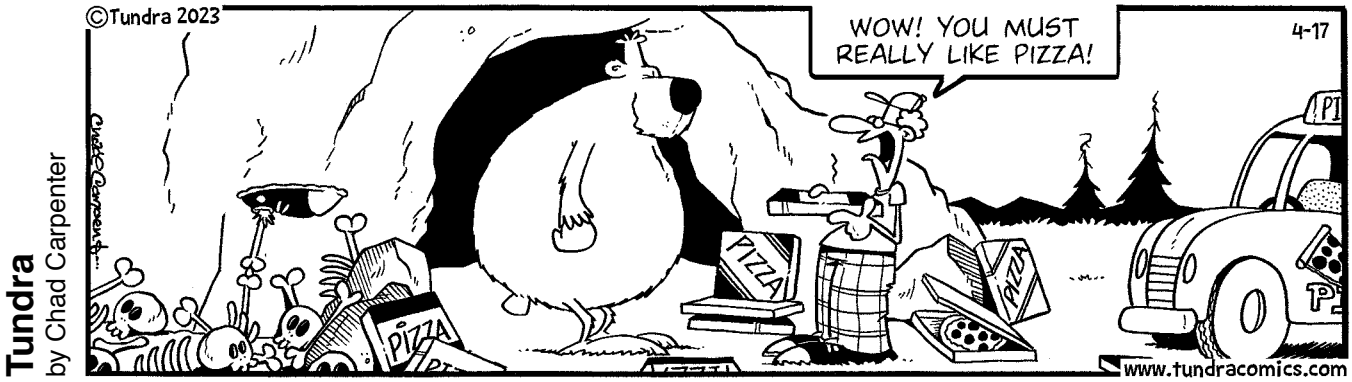
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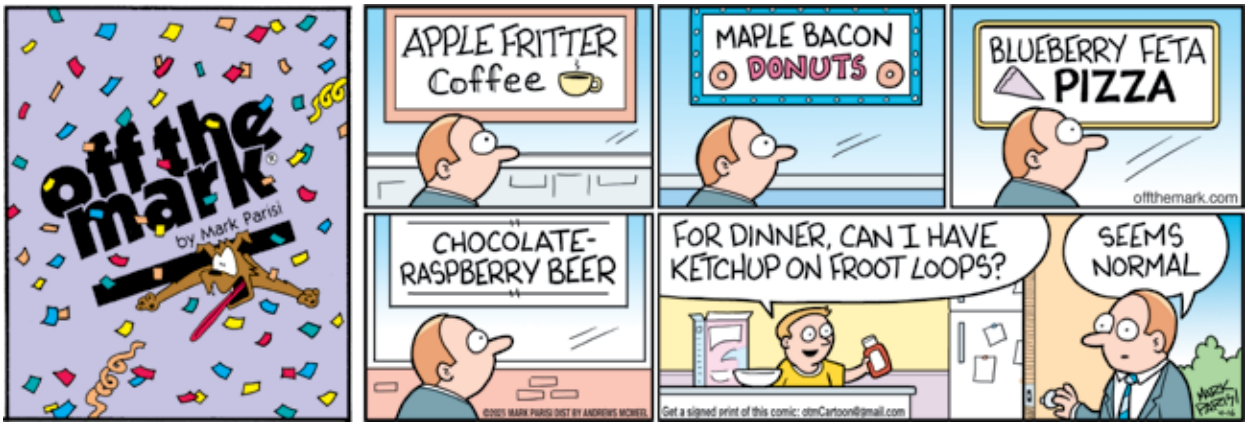
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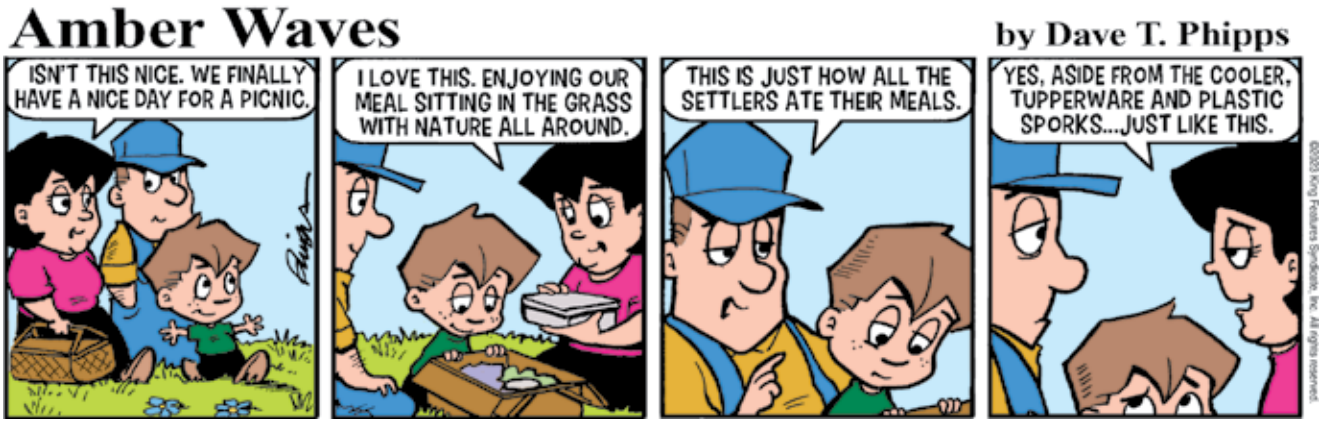
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YES, ASIDE FROM THE COOLER, TUPPERWARE AND PLASTIC SPORKS...JUST LIKE THIS.

Gardens of Marion event scheduled on Friday, **June 23** from 10 am-3 pm. Two gardens will feature a MAC member artist (Jay Ryan and Barbara Healy) who will be plein air painting on site. Tickets to the garden tour can be purchased on the MGG website at mariongardengroup.org.

Art for Your Mind at the Marion Art Center

The Marion Art Center announces two more Art for Your Mind lectures by art historian Jill Sanford. Art for Your Mind is an engaging, educational, art observation experience designed to broaden the minds of its participants. Presentations are for people of all backgrounds – artists and non-artists alike. Tickets for each presentation are just $5 for MAC members and $8 for nonmembers. Register both to save $1 on each. Learn more and register online at marionartcenter.org/events. Jill will present American Art Explored on Thursday, **May 18** from 1:00-2:00 pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater. Experience American paintings through time. From early, folk art paintings, to surprising realism, then on to modern, abstract images – visualize America's growth and change, as well as America's evolving artistic styles. Enjoy the presentation Landscapes Old and New on Thursday, **June 22** from 1:00-2:00 pm, part of Art in Bloom at the MAC. Develop your awareness of the many decisions artists face when constructing a landscape painting. Interpretations of nature from America, Europe and beyond become surprising and interesting when close observation is combined with insight into the artists and their goals.

Rochester Historical Society Dedication

On **May 7** at 2:00, the Rochester Historical Commission, in conjunction with the Rochester Historical Society, will be holding a dedication ceremony for the recently created Revolutionary War Memorial. The event will take place in front of Town Hall. There will be a march from the Muster Field including the Colonial Navy of Massachusetts Fife and Drum, flags carried by local Boy Scouts, and an Honor Guard led by the Wareham Militia and Minutemen. At the site of the Memorial, we will have two brief speeches, the reading of names of families who sent soldiers to fight, and an Honor Salute. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome to come to honor the men who fought for our independence over 240 yrs. ago.

Rochester Memorial Day Boat and Kayak Race

The Rochester Fire Department will again sponsor the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race. The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race on the Mattapoisett River will take place on Monday, **May 29**, starting at 8:30 am at Grandma Hartley's Reservoir, Snipatuit Road, in Rochester and finishing at the Mattapoisett Herring Weir at River Road and Route 6.

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For the Mattapoisett River Racer (MRR) boats, the minimum age for contestants is seven years old on Memorial Day. There will be two persons to a boat. The boat must be a homemade river racer design of any material you choose. There are no limitations or restrictions on types of paddles.

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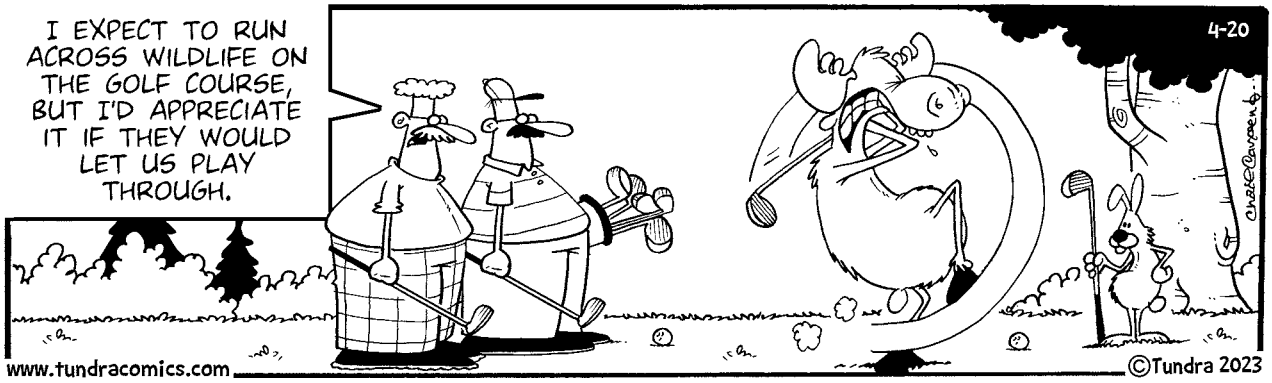

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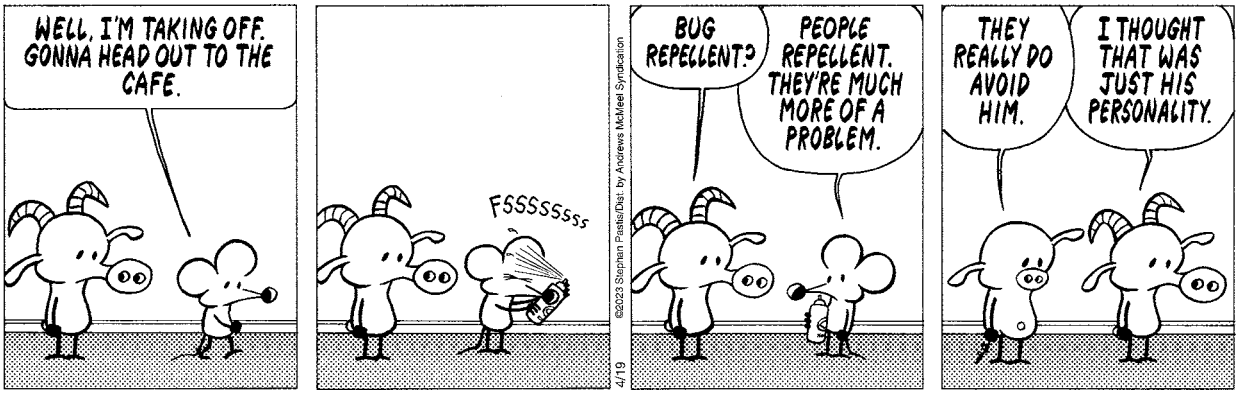

MRR open/men's, women's, junior boys, junior girls, co-ed and parent/child divisions. Junior division teams are both contestants under 14 years old. Parent/child is for a parent with his/her child (child under 14 years old) or an adult (25 or older) with a child (child under 14 years old.) Trophies will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each division.

Pre-registration is required. Only one registration session will be held at the Rochester Council on Aging (RCOA) Senior Center, 67 Dexter's LN Friday, **May 19**, 6:30 – 8:00. Starting positions will be assigned or drawn after the registration closes. A signed registration form must be submitted by each contestant for a team to be eligible for a starting position. Registration forms and rules may be obtained at Lloyd's Market, at Art's house, 319 Cushman Road or at the registration session. OR email Art (artbenner@comcast.net) and request the rules and registration form.

You may deliver the completed forms to 319 Cushman Road. Or, you may return the forms by email but you must bring the original, signed forms, to the registration session. OR, you may return them by regular mail (USPS.) If returned by email or USPS mail, you'll get acknowledgement that they were received. If you don't get a reply from Art, assume the forms were not received and hand deliver a set. Registration forms must be in the Committee's hands by Friday, May 19, 8:00 pm in order for last year's teams to be assigned a starting position based on last year's finish position or for new teams to draw a starting position this year. Kayak contestants will draw starting positions after the MRRs.

The traditional Ham and Bean Supper will take place at the RCOA, Senior Center at, 67 Dexter's Lane, Saturday, **May 27**, 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

There will be raffles for two carbon fiber racing paddles made by Bill Watling III and a silent auction for two carbon fiber paddles. Tickets will be sold at the registration session and at the Ham & Bean supper. The winners will be drawn at the supper.

For further information contact Boat Race Chairman, Arthur F. Benner, 508-763-2024 or email; artbenner@comcast.net. Check Facebook 'Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race' for updated info.

Arts in Action

Sippican Elementary School's Art teacher and Music teachers have been very busy with their students in Kindergarten through Grade 6.

"I have 387 students and we are displaying more than 1200 pieces of art." - Ms. Katie Pike

On Thursday evening, Sippican's Multipurpose Room was transformed into an art gallery featuring an interactive painting demonstration by Tufts Fellow and founder of the Smile Project, Brent Bataclan.

The artwork is grouped by the country or culture which inspired it, and a wide range of techniques and media materials are represented. To get the artwork ready for the event, Ms. Pike says she had some wonderful help from her colleagues, especially the Specialists.

- Hannah Moore teaches Band.
- Patty Richard teaches Choral Music.
- Jessica is the Media Center Librarian.
- Chelsey Lawrence is the Enrichment teacher.

Hannah Moore and Patty Richard are the school's Music Teachers and prepared many pieces of equipment and the setting used to stage the "Moore Good Stuff Cafe" for ensemble pieces, both choral and instrumental, as well as Karaoke and Open Mic. (...chairs, music stands, a piano and plenty of percussion, including marimbas and a drum kit.)

Sippican's Cafeteria became an artists' performance space featuring students playing instruments and singing together or solo. Volunteers provided and served hot dogs, chili, soups, bread and desserts.

In between the two large spaces, students could stop by the art station tables to try weaving, painting, or drawing with a variety of materials and methods. Among the corps of volunteers were retired school faculty and many parents and guardians who have had children in the district or still have students in the school district. "What's been really wonderful to see is so many families all together and having a great time," said Ms. Soares, a retired teacher with many years of service. She was working at a table where kids could create colorful mixed-media paintings.

For more info, please contact Principal Marla Sirois or Music Teacher, Hannah Moore. marlasirois@oldrochester.org or hannahmoore@oldrochester.org.

Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library Forms

The newly formed "Friends of the Elizabeth Taber Library" officially organized on Tuesday, **April 13**. The group is made up of community members with the following goals: supporting the library by being involved in fundraising, helping with special programs/programming and other activities designed to enhance the scope and outreach of the library. The following partial slate of officers has been elected: President, Janet Wallace; Secretary, Linda Williamson; Director of Communications,

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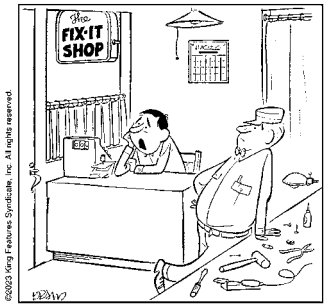

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by Linda Thistle

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The next meeting of the Friends of the ETL will be on Tuesday, **April 25** at 10 am at the library. New members and ideas are most welcome. To learn more about donations for the book sale, please visit the library website.

Learn about Warblers: Warbler Workshop

Learn all about warblers at this free event hosted by the Nasketucket Bird Club on Thursday, **April 27** at 7:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. Spring is one of the best times to see warblers. This workshop is devoted solely to the hard-to-see, but incredibly beautiful warblers. We will learn about tips and tricks for finding and identifying warblers, as well as learning which birds call this area home and which ones are just here for a short visit. Light refreshments will be served after.

The meeting, open to the public and handicapped accessible, is held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, with access via the south door entrance on Barstow Street in Mattapoisett. Meetings are also available via Zoom. Learn more by going to nbcbirdclub.com.

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Dr. Toby Dills will be introducing us to this wonderful opportunity to mix science and creativity to create your own masterpiece. Please remember to bring a white T-shirt or piece of clothing and be prepared to go outside to work on our creations.

The program is **April 26** from 3:30 to 4:30. To register for this program, please go to our website: www.marionmuseum.org.

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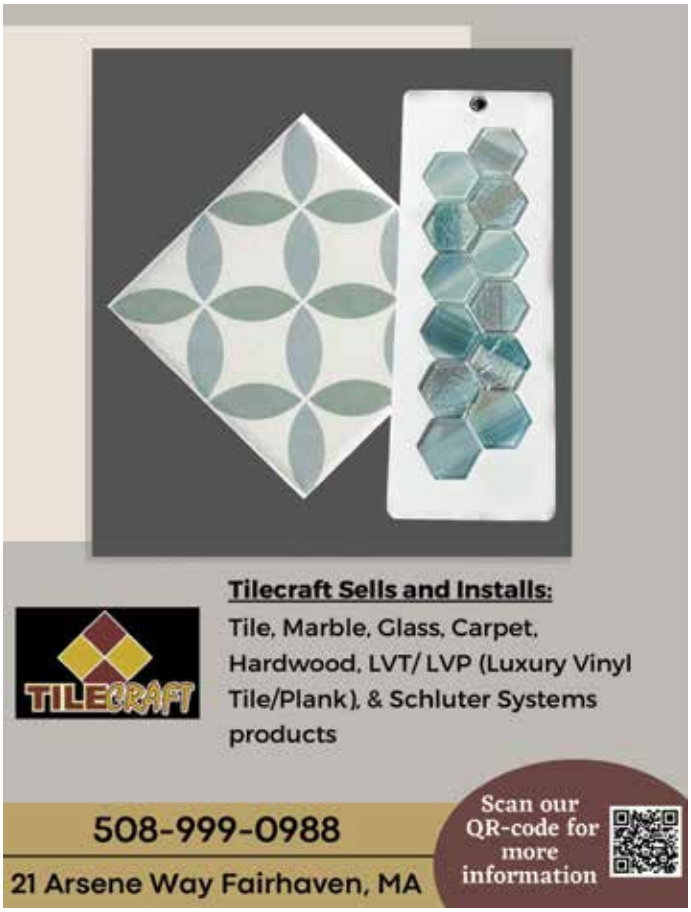
From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

In writings about pre-revolutionary Rochester, there is little mention of any celebrations. This is understandable as settlers were busy creating homes and farms out of pasturage, bogs and forests. In addition, the Pilgrim, Puritan ethos meant that most celebrations centered around the church.

After the war things began to change and in 1793, the tenth anniversary of the end of the Revolutionary War was cause for a town celebration. From that time on, articles in our files show that residents were happy to turn out to celebrate town milestones, such as the 200th



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and 250th anniversaries of Rochester's founding. Because Rochester began as a town whose land area included today's Mattapoisett, Marion and a significant portion of Wareham, all these towns were included in both the planning and celebrating.

A few years prior to 1879, it was voted at Rochester Town meeting that James S. Luce, Esq. should copy the old Proprietors' records. The Proprietors were the persons negotiating with Plymouth to purchase what was called the "Sepecan" grant which was the land that became Rochester. While transcribing these papers, he noted that the first meeting to discuss this purchase was held in Plymouth on July 22, 1679. Luce then called this date to the attention of authorities and recommended that a Bicentennial celebration should be held on July 22, 1879.

This suggestion galvanized the towns to pass warrants and to begin planning for a day of commemoration. Each town: Rochester, Marion, Mattapoisett and Wareham formed committees to plan for the event. Then the committees from the 4 towns met in Marion on April 21,1879 and Capt. Benjamin F. Gibbs of Wareham was chosen to be Chairman, Augustine W. Bisbee of Rochester chosen as Secretary, Capt. I.N. Hathaway of Marion was picked to be Treasurer. It was truly a multitown effort. Sub committees were formed. They were: Solicit Funds, Dinner, Grounds, Martial music, Guests, Reception, Procession, Transportation, Vocal Music, Printing, Decorations, Police, General Committee,

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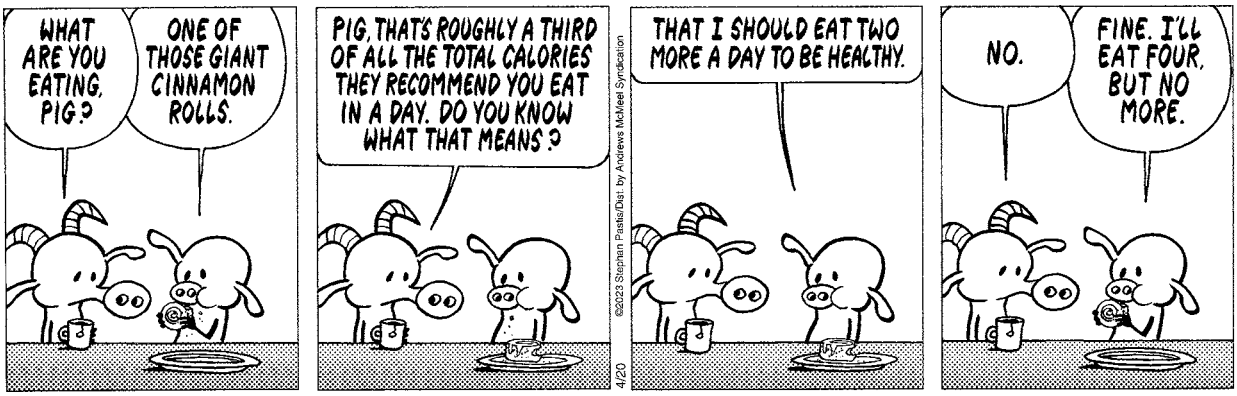
by Stephan Pastis



Seats and Tables.

They then appointed Officers of the Day
President, Gerard C. Tobey of Wareham
Vice Pres., William Barstow, Esq. of Marion
Chief Marshall, George Purrington Jr. of Mattapoisett
Toastmaster, Rev. H.C. Vose of Marion
Chaplain, Rev. William Leonard of North Rochester

Invitations were sent to local and state dignitaries, arrangements were made with the Old Colony Railroad for extra trains to be added and reduced fares to be offered. A New Bedford firm was hired to provide the dinner. It took 9 meetings that were "characterized by harmony and unanimity" to complete the planning.

Weather cooperated on the day of the celebration which began with a procession to Handy's Grove (the selected site) in Marion. The Grove had been decorated with greenery, flags and banners. The festivities began at noon. The Middleboro Brass Band played "an olio of National airs" and a choir of 50 people sang "Auld Lang Syne". Then the Rev. Leonard read the 8th chapter of Deuteronomy in which God promises his "blessings to those who serve him and the curse on those who neglect to do so". He then offered a prayer.

Next a welcome address was given by the President of the Committee. It was followed by the main speech called an "Oration" and presented by Noble Warren Everett of Wareham. This speech began with the landing of the Mayflower, progressed through all of the wars in which men of the town fought and ended with thoughts of the future and wonders yet to come. This oration takes up 55 pages in the 5x9 book published for the Bicentennial.

Dinner, a clambake, was then served. After dinner, the speeches resumed at about 3:00 in the afternoon with the Toastmaster introducing 11 Speakers. At the conclusion of these "Sentiments and Responses", the approximately 6000 people in attendance joined the choir in singing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" and the day of celebration ended. I'm impressed with the planning that took place in a relatively short time, as well as with the patience and stamina of the attendees. I also wonder how long it took that many attendees to leave the grove and head home.

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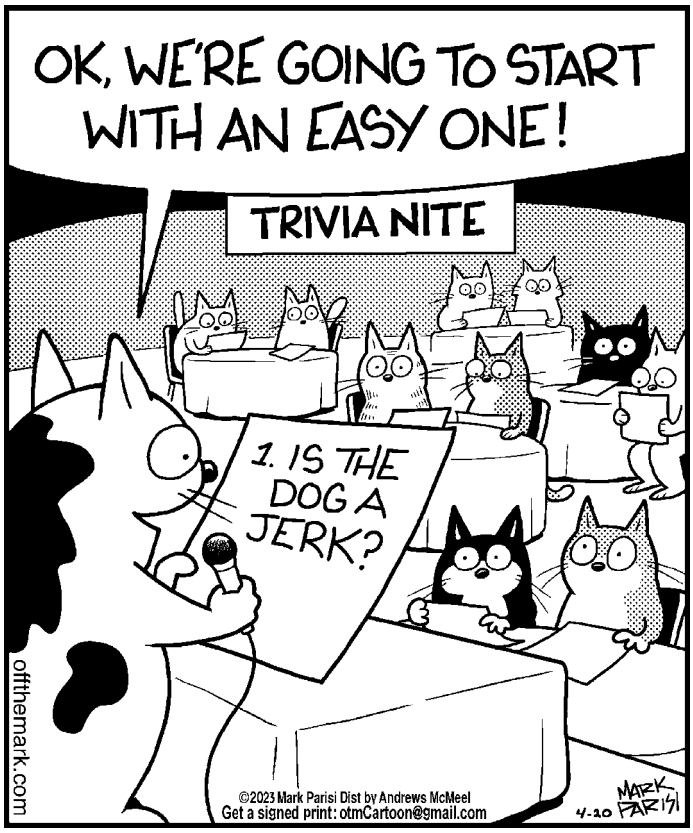

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Thursday	April 20	8:52	9:14	2:43	2:20
Friday	April 21	9:38	9:58	3:26	2:59
Saturday	April 22	10:23	10:43	4:04	3:38
Sunday	April 23	11:10	11:29	4:40	4:18
Monday	April 24	11:59		5:16	5
Tuesday	April 25	12:19	12:50	5:57	5:45
Wednesday	April 26	1:10	1:42	6:50	6:38
Thursday	April 27	2:03	2:34	8:15	7:48
Friday	April 28	2:55	3:27	9:42	9:14
Saturday	April 29	3:50	4:24	10:32	10:29
Sunday	April 30	4:47	5:18	11:09	11:22
Monday	May 1	5:38	6:04	11:42	
Tuesday	May 2	6:21	6:45	12:07	12:14
Wednesday	May 3	7:01	7:23	12:49	12:46
Thursday	May 4	7:41	8:01	1:30	1:20
Friday	May 5	8:22	8:41	2:11	1:56
Saturday	May 6	9:06	9:24	2:53	2:36
Sunday	May 7	9:52	10:10	3:35	3:18

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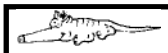
	New Moon	April 20th
	First Quarter	April 27th
	Full Moon	May 5th
	Last Quarter	May 12th



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T	I	R	E	R	I	M	S		S	A	S	S	Y		G	E	Y	S	E	R

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Shred 2. Shadow; 3. Enable; 4. Dangle

Today's Word

WRONG

Sudoku Answer

3	2	1	7	6	5	9	4	8
6	9	4	8	3	2	7	1	5
7	5	8	1	4	9	3	6	2
8	1	5	4	7	3	6	2	9
9	4	7	2	1	6	5	8	3
2	3	6	5	9	8	4	7	1
4	7	3	9	2	1	8	5	6
1	8	9	6	5	7	2	3	4
5	6	2	3	8	4	1	9	7

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Friends' marketplace

at PLUMB CORNER

SALE EFFECTIVE:
Friday, April 21 — Thursday, April 27, 2023

565 Rounseville Road • Rochester, MA 02770
Phone: 508.763.5333

Open Daily: 7am–8pm

Grocery, Dairy, & Frozen

Post
14-16 oz. Selected
Great Grains Cereal
$3.99

Old El Paso - 8.8-12.5 oz. Selected
Taco Dinner Kit ..... 2/$7

Contadina - 28 oz. Selected
Crushed Tomatoes ..... 2/$3

Martinelli's - 25.4 oz.
Sparkling Apple Cider .... + Dep. $3.49

Progresso - 19 oz. Selected
Beans ..... 2/$3

Bragg
16 oz. Organic
Apple Cider Vinegar $3.99

Quaker - 6.7 oz. Selected
Chewy Bars ..... 2/$6

Food Club
8 oz. Selected
Shredded Cheese ..... 2/$5

Bakery

Chabaso
14-16 oz. Loaf Selected
Ciabatta Bread ..... 2/$7

Fresh, Store Baked 27 oz. Pkg.
Blueberry Pie $7.99

Meat, Deli, Prepared Foods & Cheese

Friends'
Premium Certified
Black Angus, Boneless
Ribeye Steak
$17.99 lb

Sugardale
16 oz. Pkg. Hickory Smoked Selected
Bacon $5.99

Boar's Head - 16 oz. Pkg.
Bacon $8.99

Boar's Head
10 oz. Pkg. Selected
Hummus ..... 2/$7

Boar's Head - 6.5 oz. Stick
Pepperoni $3.99

Store Packaged
Egg Salad ..... $9.39 lb

Store Packaged
Red Bliss Potato Salad ..... $6.29 lb

Allen's
Rotisserie Chicken ..... $9.99 ea

Yancey's Fancy
7.6 oz. Pkg. Selected
Cheese Wedge $5.49

Garden Center

6 Pack Selected
Annuals $2.99

Flats (48 Plants)
Annuals $19.99

6 Inch Pot
Pansies $5.99

Everyday Low Prices!

Hood - 1.5 Quart, Selected
Ice Cream $4.99

Hood - Gallon Selected
Milk $4.49

Florida's Natural - 52 oz. Selected
Juice $4.49

Hillandale Farms - Dozen, Cage Free
Large White Eggs $4.99

Spirits

Cider Time!
We have a great selection of ciders for you including:

- Stormalong
- Citizen Cider
- Downeast
- Rekordlig
- Carlson Orchards

750 ml California
Cabernet Sauvignon
Daou
$27.99
Reg Price: $29.99

Introducing our new...
Self-Serve
Drinks Bar

Featuring MA based Fogbuster hot coffee & cold drinks on tap including:

- Organic juices
- Nitro brew coffee
- Cold brew coffee
- Unsweetened iced tea
- Hot Chocolate also available!

Delicious
Hot Soups available daily!

Check out our new self-serve Soup Station with a variety of soup available every day!

Prepackaged cold soups also available to heat & eat at home.

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Check our new selections of
Local & Craft Beer, Cider & Wine!

Visit our new website!
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BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Friends' Premium Certified Black Angus
Strip Sirloin Steak
$17.99 lb

Store Baked
Roast Beef
$12.99 lb.

Poland Spring
Half Liter Bottles
24 Pack
Spring Water
$5.99

Yoplait
6 oz. Selected
Yogurt
59¢

48 oz. Selected
Breyers
$4.99

750 ml Massachusetts
White
Westport Rivers Five Dogs
$18.99
Reg Price: $19.99

Quality Produce

Seedless
Red Grapes ..... **$1.99 lb**

Pint, Florida
Blueberries **$3.99**

Carlson Orchards
Half Gallon, Locally Produced
Lemonade **$2.99**

Peelz - California
Navel Oranges ..... **$1.49 lb**

Sweet
Vidalia Onions ..... **$1.29 lb**

Summer or Zucchini
Squash ..... **$1.69 lb**

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